

Training on Cashew production technologies and distribution of Cashew grafts organized under SCSP scheme of ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur

ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur in collaboration with the Cashew Progeny orchard, Gallimukha organized a training cum distribution of Cashew grafts for SC farmers under the Scheduled Caste Sub plan scheme of the Directorate on 20th August, 2024 at Cashew Progeny Orchard, Gallimukha. The training aimed to impart scientific knowledge on planting and after care of cashew.



The programme commenced with the introductory remarks by Shri. Sooraj N Agriculture Officer and Cashew Development officer In-Charge in which he emphasized on the areas where future collaboration is required with ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur. Dr. Manjesh G N, Scientist (Spices, Plantation, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants) and Nodal officer SCSP, explained about the scheme and about the campaign launched by the Government “*Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam*” which is a plantation drive announced on the World Environment day, June 5th, 2024. This was followed by a talk by Dr. Rajashekhara H, Scientist, Plant Pathology where he emphasized the importance of cashew and the need for value addition of cashew apple. Dr. Aswathy Chandrakumar, Scientist, Agricultural Extension briefed the audience of the services provided by the Directorate and the need for future collaborations for the betterment of the farming community.

This was followed by the inauguration of the frontline demonstration established in collaboration with ICAR-DCR, Puttur. The demonstration plot is established on 1 acre area and 80 grafts of high yielding varieties of Nethra Jumbo-1, Nethra Ganga, Nethra Ubhaya and Bhaskara have been planted. Following the

planting, Dr. Manjesh G N, Scientist (Spices, Plantation, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants) delivered a lecture on planting and after care of cashew grafts where he emphasized on the importance of quality grafts and quality planting material. He also demonstrated how to plant the cashew grafts. This was followed by a brief lecture on effective management of disease and pests by Dr. Rajashekhara, Scientist (Plant Pathology). The training was attended by 25 farmers and the farm staff.

