

The ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur organises a training programme under the Scheduled caste Sub plan in Parappa block, Kasaragod

The ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur in collaboration with the Chully farmers club, social welfare department and agriculture department organized a training programme on cashew production technology in Vellarikundu for the SC farmers on 13th August, 2024. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Shoby, block panchayat member and Assistant Director of Agriculture, Parappa block, Shri Arun T T. During the inaugural function Shri Nikhil, Agricultural officer, Balal panchayat and Shri Rahul, SC promoter conveyed their wishes for the success of the programme. Dr. Manjesh G N, Scientist (Spices, Plantation Medicinal and Aromatic Plants) and nodal officer for SCSP, ICAR briefed about the implementation of SCSP scheme by the Directorate.



The training programme aimed to create awareness about the importance of nutrition garden and the prospects of growing cashew in Kerala. A talk was delivered by Dr. Manjesh G N, Scientist (SPM and AP) on the scientific cultivation of vegetables and fruits for nutritional security. He also demonstrated the use of different garden tools. Dr. Aswathy Chandrakumar, Scientist (Agricultural extension) explained about the outreach activities of the institute and the services available for the farmers from the institute. This was followed by a brief interaction with the farmers where they expressed their concerns about increasing the productivity of cashew orchards. Farmers were advised to plant grafts of high-yielding cashew varieties and adopt scientific cultivation practices for better yields.

The training concluded with the distribution of inputs containing seed kits of hybrid varieties of vegetables and garden tool kit to the participants. A total of 100 farmers from 7 panchayats of Parappa block participated in the programme.

