
Training program on Horticulture-based Integrated Farming System (Sub-tropical and Temperate fruit crops) under SCSP

Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur, Karnataka, Horticultural and Forestry Research Station, TNAU, Kodaikanal jointly organized a day training program on Horticulture based Integrated Farming System (Sub-tropical and Temperate fruit crops) at HRS, Kodaikanal, Dindigul District of Tamil Nadu on 22.01.2025 under SCSP Programme. In this training program Dr. C. Ravindran Associate Professor and Head, of HRS, Kodaikanal welcomed the delegates. Honorable Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore inaugurated and delivered a chief guest address highlighting the contribution of HRS towards the farming community's development of Kodaikanal Block and doubling of farmers' income. Further, Dr. J. Rajangam Dean, Horticultural College and Research Institute, Periyakulam emphasizes the sub-tropical and temperate fruit crops for nutritional security and income generation through IFS. Dr. G.N. Manjesh, Scientist (SS), Horticulture, Nodal Officer, SCSP, ICAR-DCR, Puttur, Karnataka briefed about the implementation of the scheme. Dr. G.L. Veena, Scientist (SS), Fruit Science highlighted the value addition of fruit crops for their income generation. Dr. E. Natarajan Deputy Director of Horticulture, Briyant Park, Kodaikanal, delivered a lecture on role of the Tamil Nadu Government in implementing different schemes for farming communities. Scientists, from HRS, Kodaikanal, HC & RI Periyakulam presented a scientific lecture and discussed problems faced by the farmers.

The Farmers Producer Organization M/s Kodai Hill Garlic Vegetables Collective Farming Producer Company Ltd, Poondi, Kodaikanal, Nilgiri Potato and Vegetable Growers Association, Nilgiris, farmers from different villages of Kodaikanal Block participated. As a part of the program book on "Sub-tropical and temperate fruits" was released and exhibited the temperate and sub-tropical fruits diversity show was organized for the farmers. Inputs of quality fruit crop planting materials, vermicompost, and certificates were distributed among the participating farmers. Dr. R. Manivanan, Assistant Professor, HRS Kodaikanal delivered the vote of thanks.

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