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## *Training and Input Distribution Program for the Promotion of Horticulture-Based Integrated Farming System*

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The ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur in collaboration with the UHS-Horticulture Extension Education Unit, Regional Horticulture Research, and Extension Centre, Bangalore, Karnataka organized a training program on the Promotion of Horticulture-Based Integrated Farming System at Nanjayyana Colony, H.D. Kote, Mysore, Karnataka on 28.01.2025. The program was inaugurated by Dr. G.S. K. Swamy, Dean CoH, Bengaluru. During the inaugural function, he addressed the participants on the right use of inputs for soil health in connection with an integrated approach to farming systems. Further, the chief guest Dr. R.K. Mestha Director, Excellence for FPO, Bangalore, addressed the participants with the scope and avenues in integrated farming including horticultural crops, and briefed the initiatives from GoK for the FPOs. Further, Mr. Kalalkar, President, TFPC Ltd., H.D. Kote spoke about the functioning of FPO and addressed the participants to utilize these benefits for improving their livelihood.

Later, Dr. Manjesh GN, Nodal officer SCSP, ICAR-DCR briefed about the implementation of SCSP and the related activities of ICAR-DCR. Further, Dr. Prabakar Itagi, Extension Leader, RHREC, Bengaluru addressed the gathering in collaboration with DCR for the implementation of the training program and inputs distribution and proposed a vote of thanks. The technical sessions on Cashew cultivation, Coconut production, and pests and diseases of Horticulture crops were organized for the participants by resource persons. This was followed by the distribution of seedlings (Coconut, Mango, Cashew, Jamun & Lime) PoP-Horticulture, and fertilizers (Biological control and Bio enriched compost manure) to the beneficiary farmers. A total of 50 farmers participated and benefitted under the SCSP of this Directorate.





[Source: Nodal officer SCSP]