

ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur organized Annual Cashew Day and Signs Landmark Agreement for Cashew Fruit and Nut Separation Technology

The ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research (ICAR-DCR), Puttur, successfully organized its Annual Cashew Day on 11th March, 2025, bringing together key stakeholders from the cashew industry and research community. A major highlight of the event was the announcement of a cutting-edge cashew apple and nut separation technology developed through a collaboration of ICAR-DCR, Puttur, with ICAR-Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering (ICAR-CIAE), Bhopal. This innovative machine integrates multiple functions, including nut separation, juice-pulp extraction, and fibrous material separation, significantly enhancing processing efficiency in the cashew industry. Shri Brijith Krishna from Kannur, Kerala and Shri Praveen Nayak from Gadag, Karnataka were felicitated and awarded for Innovative Entrepreneur and Innovative Cashew farmer respectively.

In a significant step towards commercialization, ICAR-CIAE-DCR and M/s Phison Agritech Private Limited, Ramanagara, Karnataka, signed an Umbrella Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) facilitated by Agrinnovate India Limited, New Delhi for licensing of this advanced 3-in-1 cashew processing machine. The agreement was formally signed by Dr. C.R. Mehta, Director, ICAR-CIAE, Bhopal, Dr. J. Dinakara Adiga, Director, ICAR-DCR, Puttur; Dr. Praveen Malik, CEO, Agrinnovate India Limited, New Delhi and Mr. Varun Jose, Managing Director, M/s Phison Agritech Private Limited. The MoA signing took place in the presence of scientists and officials from ICAR-DCR, ICAR-CIAE, and M/s Phison Agritech. The scientific staff present at the occasion included Dr. Ravindra Naik, Head(I/C), ICAR-CIAE, Regional Station Coimbatore; Dr. Manjunatha K., Scientist, ICAR-DCR, Puttur; and Dr. D. Balasubramanian, Principal Scientist, ICAR-DCR, Puttur. The event marked a significant milestone in the transfer of innovative technology to industry partners for broader adoption.

An exhibition was also organised to showcase the technologies developed by the institute and its incubatee Shri Radhakrishna, Proprietor, Nithya Food, who showcased his technologies. Shri Brijith Krishna, Founder Eatery Malabaricus and Shri Binoy, Proprietor, Chully Farmers Club also exhibited their technologies adding more value to the exhibition. During the event, Cashew News, the half yearly newsletter of the institute and extension folders on value added products of cashew apple, nutrient deficiency in cashew, Nethra jumbo-2 and Farmers Tracking System were released.



