

ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur organized training on “Scientific Cultivation of Cashew” as a part of PM-KISAN UTSAV DIWAS-2025

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India introduced PM-KISAN, a flagship program of the Indian government, in February 2019 to give farmers financial support of Rs. 6,000 annually. On August 2, 2025, ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur, hosted a training programme on "Scientific Cultivation of Cashew" detailing various new scientific aspects of cashew cultivation as a part of PM-KISAN UTSAV DIWAS during which the Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi's released the 20th financial instalment of PM-KISAN from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The release was streamed live at the Directorate in which farmers and staff of the Directorate participated.



Dr. T.N. Raviprasad, Director-In-charge, ICAR-DCR, Puttur gave the introductory remarks in which he emphasized the importance of farmers and their involvement in attaining more ambitious economic goals for the country. He also discussed about the imperative role of this Directorate in educating farmers about cashew cultivation.

As a part of the training programme, technical sessions were organized to create awareness on the scientific cultivation of cashew for the farmers. The significance of using cashew cultivation techniques, such as choosing appropriate varieties, high density planting systems, and pruning responsive varieties suitable for high density and ultra-high density planting systems for yield enhancement was discussed by Dr. E. Eradasappa, Senior Scientist (Plant Breeding). Dr. Manjesh G.N., Scientist (Spices, Plantation, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants) gave a lecture on cashew nursery management and explained the significance of the grafting technique and aftercare for successful graft establishment. Dr. Vanitha K. Senior Scientist (Agriculture Entomology) highlighted about the major pests of cashew and their

management which was followed by a lecture on important diseases of cashew and management by Dr. Rajashekara H., Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology). Subsequent to the technical sessions, scientists interacted with the farmers about the field problems faced by them during cultivation and management.



After the technical sessions, the live streaming of Hon'ble PM Programme was held at 11:00 AM. Inputs were distributed to the ST farmers after the programme and a total of 100 participants attended the training cum live streaming of PM-Kisan Utsav.