

Capacity development programme on Quality planting material production in coconut



Capacity development programme for farmers/entrepreneurs/Farmer Producer Organizations on Quality planting material production in coconut sponsored by Coconut Development Board was conducted at ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasaragod during 17 and 19 February 2020.

Thematic areas related to planting material production in coconut such as improved varieties of coconut, mother palm selection, seed nut collection and storage, selection of nursery site, preparation of nursery bed and sowing, providing shade, weeding and irrigation in nursery, pest and disease management in nursery, hybridization technique in coconut, quality assurance mechanism to be implemented in coconut seedlings, concept and practice of participatory decentralised planting material production in coconut, support to FPOs for coconut seedling production by CDB etc were covered under the capacity development programme.

17 selected farmers, entrepreneurs and office bearers of coconut FPOs from different parts of Karnataka state including Mandya, Tiptur, Davengere, Kundapura, Kumta and Sullya participated in the programme.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Anitha Karun, Acting Director, CPCRI. Dr. H.P. Maheswarappa,



Project Co-ordinator, AICRP on Palms welcomed the gathering. Dr. Thamban, C., Principal Scientist and Course Co-ordinator briefed about the capacity development programme and Dr. K. Samsudeen, Principal Scientist proposed vote of thanks.

Dr. K. Muralidharan, Head, Division of Social Sciences distributed certificates to the participants in the valedictory programme.

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