

Training programme organized for FPOs

A two day training programme on “Business opportunities for FPOs in value addition and secondary agriculture” was organized during 3rd and 4th January 2024 at ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad. 22 CEOs and chairmen representing 10 FPOs of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka participated in the programme. Talks were organized with experts to educate the FPOs on the business opportunities in value addition in oilseeds, millets and paddy and opportunities in secondary agriculture activities such as apiary, backyard poultry, goat and sheep rearing for meat and various opportunities available for funding by NABARD and other agencies. Hands on training was provided in on soil parameters estimation, bio-fertilizer and bio-pesticide production.

Inaugurating the training programme, Dr S.N. Meera, Director, ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad emphasised that participants should explore the innovative business ideas on their locality which can make them a successful FPO and advised the FPOs to integrate with the Fintech ecosystem. Dr R.K.Mathur, Director, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad encouraged trainees to participate in various capacity building programs and laid emphasis for development of crop cycle which will provide continuous pollen required for bee keeping.



FPO members and resource persons



Participants learning by doing: Bee keeping

The valedictory session was graced by Dr V.K.Singh, Director, ICAR-CRIDA and interacted with and appreciated the efforts of ICAR-IIOR for conducting the training program and advised FPO members to have linkages with other FPOs and institutes to get the exposure for various successful business opportunities.