

ICAR-IIOR organized an “Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) on IIOR technologies” (Microbial biopesticides, Seeds and Oils) for SC communities under SCSP and ABI

ICAR-IIOR organized a four-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) on IIOR technologies” (Microbial biopesticides, Seeds, Oils) from 24 to 27, September 2024 under ABI and SCSP. Around 25 participants from the diverse backgrounds such as like Agriculture, Horticulture, Biotechnology, Engineering, Social Sciences and officer bearers of FPOs from Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana attended the EDP.

The EDP comprised of interaction with Scientists, talks by experts from other institutes (NAARM, PJTSAU and MANAGE), sharing of experiences of start-ups in oilseeds and bio-pesticides and hands on experience on bio-pesticide production, bio-polymer based seed coating, seed production of oilseeds, soil testing, formation of FPOs and fields visits were organized to the participants.

In the inaugural session of the EDP, Dr. R. K. Mathur, Director of ICAR-IIOR, emphasized the need for entrepreneurship development in agriculture to empower unemployed youth, support farmers with quality products and ultimately increase the productivity of crops and income of farmers.

Dr. S. Senthil Vinayagam, CEO of a-IDEA at ICAR-NAARM, highlighted the entrepreneurial skills essential for initiating new enterprises and discussed strategies for improving these skills.

The EDP was organized by Dr. R. D. Prasad and Dr. G. D. Satish Kumar.



Dr. R.K. Mathur, Director, ICAR-IIOR interacting with the participants



Field visit of the participants to seed production plots of ICAR-IIOR