

## **ICAR-IIOR organized a Farmers Training Course On Modern Approaches for Improving Oilseeds Productivity in Odisha**

ICAR-IIOR organized a six-day training course for the farmers of Odisha sponsored by Crop Diversification Programme of Mega lift Irrigation Project, Government of Odisha during 02 to 07<sup>th</sup> December, 2024. Twenty five farmers and two officers participated in the training course.

The course comprised of interaction with scientists, talks by experts, sharing of experiences of start-ups in oilseeds, seed production of oilseeds, soil testing, formation of FPOs and fields visits. The participants visited ICAR-IIMR for understanding the millet value chain development. The participants also visited Tirumalapur village, Ranga Reddy, Telangana and interacted with local safflower farmers for developing the complete value chain of safflower crop.

In the inaugural session of the course, Dr. R. K. Mathur, Director of ICAR-IIOR, emphasized the need for crop diversification to oilseeds and pulses and importance of FPOs in value chain development. He urged the farmers to involve in seed production of oilseed crops and assured the technical support for the same.

The course director of the training Dr. G. D. Satish Kumar, Principal Scientist emphasized the need for constant interaction of the farmers with the experts in future for solution to the problems in oilseed cultivation.



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



Field visit of the participants to safflower fields in Tirumalapur, Ranga Reddy, Telangana