

A Webinar On

Orientation-cum-Training programme on ‘Best Management Practices and Seed Production in Safflower’ on 06-11-2020

ICAR – Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad in association with ATMA, Chandrapur, Maharashtra had organized an Orientation-cum-Training programme on Best Management Practices and Seed Production in Safflower on 06-11-2020 to enhance the Productivity through quality seed production and adoption of BMPs. About 200 farmers in groups and extension personnel from the potential safflower growing region of Maharashtra had participated with the support and active involvement of safflower AICRP, Solapur centre and ATMA, Chandrapur, Maharashtra. The scientists from IIOR, Hyderabad, Dr. Uday M. Patil (Project Director, ATMA, Chandrapur), Dr. C. Sudhakar (Principal Scientist, ARS, PJTSAU, Tandur), Dr. S.K. Shinde (Breeder), Dr. S.V. Khadtare (Agronomist) and Dr. D.R. Murumkar (Pathologist) from AICRP, Solapur, Dr. Ghuge (AICRP, Parbani) and extension personnel from KVKs and other dignitaries had participated. Dr. N. Mukta, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIOR welcomed the gathering.

Dr. M. Sujatha, Director, IIOR provided the status and background of vegetable oils in the country and presented the status of safflower cultivation in the country and briefed about the importance and necessity of quality seed production, adoption of best management practices and technologies etc., for realizing higher yield and the need for farmers level seed production for meeting the seed requirement locally and entrepreneurship development for increasing income of the farmers. The technologies being made available from ICAR and SAUs with newer high yielding varieties/hybrids and production and protection technologies as Best Management Practices would result in higher yields and profits. Dr. Uday M. Patil, Project Director, ATMA, Chandrapur addressed the farmers and stressed on the issues of farm mechanization in quality seed production. Dr. Ravindra Manohare, Dy. Director of Agriculture, Maharashtra appreciated and complimented the efforts of ICAR-IIOR in embarking on BMPs and seed production in farmers’ fields. Dr. Khadtare, highlighted the need for adopting the BMPs from sowing to marketing that are aimed at realizing higher yield and lower cost of cultivation and achieving higher input use efficiency. Dr. Sudhakar, highlighted about the farm mechanization and explained the necessity and economics of small scale oil extraction unit. Dr. P.S. Srinivas, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIOR and Dr. D.R. Murumkar, Pathologist, AICRP, Solapur briefed the plant protection measures.

During the question-answer session, scientists of IIOR clarified various issues raised by the farmers. Farmers narrated their experiences in safflower cultivation that had bearing on production as well as quality of produce and final profitability. Dr. Jawahar Lal. Sr.Scientist and Officer Incharge, Seed section, IIOR had coordinated the entire programme. Dr. M. Y. Dudhe, Senior Scientist, served as moderator during the virtual meet and facilitated fruitful discussion.

Farmer groups participated in training programme

Pawanachal village , Sindewahi block



Mojapawanapar, Sindewahi block



Pawanpar, Sindewahi block



Scientist, extension personnel and farmers participated in the webinar

