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Organization of an interactive programme for seed producers and Training of Soya FPOs of Usmanabad District at ICAR-IISR, Indore

Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The ICAR-IISR today organized Training Programme for Progressive Soybean Farmers under AICRP NSP SEED” attended by 45 soy growers of Malwa and Nimar region who are engaged in soy seed production of popular cultivars. Dr Mrinal Kuchlan, In-charge of Seed Production Programme, in his initial remark briefed about the prevailing seed production status of popular soybean varieties and emphasized on inclusion of medium/late duration soybean varieties considering the prevailing climate adversities. Dr K.H. Singh, Director ICAR-IISR Indore while addressing the farmers said that the institute is making all possible efforts for quality seed production including recently released soybean varieties through various seed production programmes. He further expressed hope that the institute would meet the demand through seed multiplication programme jointly with progressive farmers.

The institute also hosted a training programme on “Processing and Utilization of Soybean for Food Uses” for 20 FPOs belonging to Usmanabad District of Maharashtra during 27-29 March 2023 through its Agri-Business Incubation Centre attended by 90 farmers and farm women. On this occasion, Dr K.H. Singh, Director, ICAR-IISR said that increasing the domestic utilization of soybean will aid in market rates of soybean through increased demand by the manufacturers of soy-based food industry. Towards this, the institute is making all the efforts for organization of various activities including skill-based training programmes under the Agri-Business Incubation Centre. During the training information was also provided on agronomic package of practices for soybean cultivation including food grade varieties, seed production, processing and value addition was delivered by scientists namely Dr Vineet Kumar, Dr B.U.Dupare, Dr Neha Pandey, Dr Manoj Shrivastava, and Dr Mrinal Kuchlan.

Dr Mahaveer Prasad Sharma, In-charge of the ICAR-IISR Incubation has briefed that the institute has standardized processing techniques of soybean-based food products like Soymilk, Tofu, Buttermilk, *Shrikhand*, *Pakauda*, *Halwa*, *Upama* and other soybean-based bakery product and the ABI centre is mentoring and incubating the agri-start ups entrepreneurs and FPOs. He thanked the institute as well as ABIC staff particularly Shri Yogesh Sohani, Shri Abhishek Bharti, Ms Seema Chauhan, and Shri Deepak for whole hearted efforts for the successful completion of this training programme.

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