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on

Cashew Production and Post-Harvest Technologies



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FOREWORD

Cashew is an important foreign exchange earning plantation crop of India. India is the first country to exploit the commercial value of this crop. ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research (DCR) is the nodal agency for cashew research in the country. The research on cashew was initiated in the early 1950s. Then All India Coordinated Spices and Cashew Improvement Project (AICS & CIP) was started at CPCRI, Kasaragod. Later in 1986 National Research Centre for Cashew (NRCC) was established at Puttur, D.K., Karnataka to take forward the research programmes on cashew and in 2009, NRCC was upgraded as Directorate of Cashew Research (DCR).

The demand for cashew is increasing at both global and national levels. However, the cashew yield levels in India have been low, mainly due to insect pest attacks and lack of proper management of cashew orchards. Thus, it has become imperative to transfer the scientific cashew production technologies to the cashew growers to enhance the cashew productivity and production in the country. Besides, development of value added products of cashew kernel and apples is needed for improving the income of the cashew growers. Towards achieving this, DCR is continuously striving by improving the cashew production and processing through research and extension activities.

I am pleased that ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur in collaboration with Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA), Govt. of Meghalaya is organizing a National Level Training Programme on “Cashew production and postharvest technologies” during 10-14 February 2020 for the farmers and officials. The training emphasizes on the latest concepts and practices in the field of cashew production and processing for the benefit of stakeholders.

I congratulate the editors and all scientists involved in bringing out this training manual and I hope it will be immensely useful to the trainees, researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders who are engaged in research and development of cashew in the country.


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