

Institute-Industry Interface meet

Institute- Industry Interface meet was conducted at ICAR- Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research on 12.02.2024 to showcase potential technologies of different oilseed crops like - HYVs, hybrids, microbial pesticides, value added products - for commercialization. Officials from ICAR, heads of different oilseed institutes, private companies involved in seed, oil & bio-products; DOD, SEA, IOPEPC, AICRP scientists, NGOs, and IIOR scientists participated in the meeting. The meeting started with inauguration of exhibition by Dr Sanjeev Gupta, ADG, (OP,ICAR). Different technologies were displayed in exhibition stalls. Dr. Senthilvel, PS & Nodal Officer ITMU, IIOR explained the background for conducting this meeting. Dr RK Mathur, Director, ICAR-IIOR welcomed all the participants and explained the saleable technologies of IIOR. Dr Sanjeev Gupta in his address expressed that the institutes and the companies should support each other and work together for boosting oilseed production to reduce the import bill. He also suggested to demonstrate all the technologies through model farms and such model farms should integrate self-sustaining seed systems, demonstrate all best technologies, entrepreneur development and value addition.

An MoU was signed with Shri Amma Murugappa Chettiar research Centre, Tamil Nadu for the product of urea mixed biochar application in sesame. Two publications were released on Oilseed Technologies of IIOR and AICRP-Oilseeds.

The following presentations constitute the core of the meeting

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1	Dr RK Mathur, Director IIOR	Hybrids and varieties of sunflower, safflower, castor , sesame
2	Dr RD Prasad, PS, IIOR	Microbial Bio pesticides, patents, technologies ready for commercialization and technologies in pipeline
3	Dr Mahaveer P. Sharma, PS, IISR	Varieties of soybean, Soya food products, mass production of Arbuscular Mycorrhiza, farm machinery
4	Dr Harish, PS, DGR	Groundnut varieties
5	Dr P. K Rai, Director, DRMR	Varieties and hybrids of rapeseed and mustard
6	Dr AK Viswakarma,	Varieties sesame and niger

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7	Dr AL Ratnakumar, PS, IIOR	Linseed value added products

Mr Ajay Jhunjunwala, President, SEA spoke about importance of seed and emphasized the importance of oil meal and the role of industry in showcasing technologies through model farms. Mr Kishor Tanna, IOPEPC flagged the issue of aflatoxin and pesticide residues and the urgent need to address them to augment export. The possibility of exporting seed to the neighboring countries was also discussed.

Crop specific groups (scientists and representatives of different agri-industries) held separate discussions to draw future plan of action to work together for promotion of potential technologies for enhancing oilseed production.

