

Review meeting of Revival of Sunflower Cultivation project

ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad organized a review meeting of DAC sponsored sunflower project on **Revival of Sunflower Cultivation** dated July 24, 2023 at Conference Hall of ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad. At the outset, Dr. R.K. Mathur, Director, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad welcomed the Chief Guest and all the participants of the meeting. The session was chaired by Shri Bipul Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Commissioner (Oilseeds), DA & FW, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by Heads of department of ICAR-IIOR, galaxy of scientists from ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad and various AICRP (Sunflower) centres, officials from DOD, Hyderabad, representatives from public agencies like NSC, NAFED, HIL, NDDDB etc. Dr. H.P. Meena, Sr. Scientist, ICAR-IIOR made a comprehensive presentation of the progress made during 2022-23 by different AICRP (sunflower) centers and ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad under the project. In his presentation, he highlighted nucleus seed and breeder seed produced by the different AICRP (Sunflower) centre, hybrids selected for certified hybrid seed production, performance of public and private sectors hybrids evaluated at five locations (Bengaluru, Latur, Ludhiana, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad and Raichur), MoU signed between public agencies like NSC, HIL, NAFED, with SAU's and ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad. He also presented the progress made regarding fund release and utilization during 2022-23 by various AICR centers including ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad. During the occasion two videos on Certified Hybrid seed production in Sunflower in English and Hindi and on FLDS were released by Dr. R.K. Mathur, Director, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad and Shri Bipul Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Commissioner (Oilseeds), DA & FW, New Delhi. MoU was also signed between Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL), RARS, Nandyal and ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad for certified hybrid seed production of sunflower hybrid NDSH-1012. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair, Director, Heads and all the participants of the AICRP (sunflower) centers and public agencies.

