

Sunflower field day at UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru on January 29, 2024

All India Coordinated Research Project on Sunflower UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru and ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad jointly organized the “**Sunflower Field Day**” under the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA7FW), Ministry of Agriculture Farmers Welfare, Government of India sponsored project on “**Revival of Sunflower Cultivation**” on January 29th, 2024 at the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru. Hon'ble Director of ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad Dr. R.K. Mathur was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the programme along with Dr. K.C. Narayanswamy, Director of Education, UAS, Bengaluru. A booklet on Handbook of Sunflower Cultivation compiled by AICRP (Sunflower) centre UAS, GKVK and ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad was released. A total of 38 promising sunflower hybrids (released as well as pipeline) including private (16) and public (22) sectors were raised at UAS, Bengaluru to assess the performance of public as well as private hybrids to identify the best hybrids. The program was attended by Dr. Sadashiva, Director of Karnataka State Seed and Organic Certification Agency (KSSCOA), scientists from ICAR-IIOR, various AICRP centres, private entrepreneurs, farmers, officials from Government of Karnataka, officials from public seed agencies like NDDDB, KOF, NSP, HIL, etc. A visit was organized to the FLDs fields of sunflower hybrid KBSH-85 at Chikkakurugodu, Gouribinur. The dignitaries visited various facilities of UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru including breeder seed production plots of the parental lines (CMS-903A & B) of the newly released sunflower hybrid KBSH-85 at National Seed Project (NSP), Bengaluru followed by castor research farm. Dr. R.K. Mathur, Director, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad inaugurated Field Laboratory facility at M block of UAS, Bengaluru and mini tractor facility created under the project Revival of Sunflower Cultivation.



