

Sunflower Field Day at ORS, Latur

All India Coordinated Research Project on Sunflower, Latur centre and ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad jointly organized “**Sunflower Field Day**” under the DAC funded project “**Revival of Sunflower Cultivation**” on February 14, 2024 at Oilseeds Research Station (ORS), Latur. Hon'ble Director Dr. R.K. Mathur, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad was the Chief Guest. Dr. Dattaprasad Waskar, Director of Research, Vasant Rao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani, Maharashtra and Dr. Shivaji Mehtre, Assistant Director of Research (Seeds) were the guest of honour. Dr. H.P. Meena, Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad and Dr. M.V. Dhuppe, Centre Incharge cum Sunflower Breeder, ORS, Latur were the programme co-ordinators. A total of 36 sunflower hybrids (released as well as pipeline) including private (16) and public (22) sectors were raised at research farm of ORS, Latur to assess the performance of public as well as private sector hybrids to identify the best hybrids. Trial and evaluation of public sector and private sector hybrids were scored and evaluated by various scientists, officers and progressive farmers. The program was attended by galaxy of scientists from ICAR-IIOR, various AICRP centres, officials from public seed agencies like NSC and NDDB, progressive farmers and M.Sc. students from division of Genetic and Plant Breeding section, VNMKV, Parbhani. Inauguration of seed godown constructed under Soybean Seed Hub project was done by Dr. R.K. Mathur and Dr. Waskar. The dignitaries visited other facilities including Agronomy experiments, downy mildew screening sick plot facility, breeder seed production plots and evaluation trial of preliminary sunflower experimental hybrids.



