

Field day cum training programme on Groundnut and onion seed production-2015 at Seed Unit, UAS, Dharwad, Karnataka

The Seed Unit, UAS, Dharwad organized training under AICRP-NSP(Crop) entitled "Groundnut and Onion seed production field day cum training programme" during 8th March, 2015 at University main campus, Dharwad. The Special Officer (Seeds), Seed Unit, UAS, Dharwad welcomed the farmers and the guests. The field day inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of UAS, Dharwad Dr. D.P. Biradar. He addressed the participants/farmers and expressed his heart full thanks to the farmers who actively involved in University seed production programmes and bringing the UAS, Dharwad to number one position in seed production. He also highlighted the increasing demand for Onion seeds and profit generation through Onion seed production. He advised the farmers to cultivate the new foliar disease resistant groundnut variety G2-52 and rust resistant soybean variety DSb-21. To fulfill the requirement of new variety seeds, he requested the farmers to join hands with the University to produce more seeds of said varieties.

Chief guest of the function, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Project Director, ICAR-Directorate of Seed Research, Mau, Uttar Pradesh; expressed his happiness for seeing huge crowd attending the field day function. He emphasized that UAS, Dharwad is role model in seed production, and his motto is improving the production of quality seeds all over the country. He further expressed that to attain the food security and seed security is must. The programmes like trainings and field days are most useful tool to popularize and educate the farming community regarding the new improved varieties, and he requested to organize more such programmes presiding over the function.

Dr. B.M. Khadi, Director of Research of UAS, Dharwad, highlighted information of all recently released varieties by the UAS, Dharwad and expressed his happiness the work done by seed unit in seed production. Dr. H.S.Vijaykumar Director of Education, Dr. V.I. Benagi, Director of Extension and Dr. B.N. Patil Associate Director Research were present on this occasion. The programme was coordinated by Dr. T.R. Shashidhar.