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ICAR-DFR, Pune Celebrated Chrysanthemum Day

ICAR-Directorate of Floricultural Research celebrated chrysanthemum day to showcase the technologies specific to chrysanthemum for the benefit of all the stakeholders at its Hadapsar farm on 11th December 2018. The experimental farm has around 140 named varieties of chrysanthemum from National Agricultural Research and Education System, promising selections and mutated populations developed by ICAR-DFR. The celebration was successful with the active participation of academicians, farmers, nurserymen, traders and people associated with various arenas of floriculture. In his welcome remarks, Dr.K.V.Prasad highlighted the research efforts made by ICAR-DFR in varietal development, new technologies in the area of alternate media sources, nutraceuticals, dip stick diagnostics, essential oils. Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Pune, Chief Guest of the function, appreciated the efforts of team DFR in showcasing the varieties and technologies specific to chrysanthemums and other mandated crops. He also stressed upon the importance of linking KVKs and research institutions like ICAR-DFR for technologies to reach out to the farmers for doubling their income. The representatives from KVK Solapur, KVK Mohol, Solapur, KVK, Jalna, KVK Jalgaon were a part of this programme. Chrysanthemum growers from villages Hanga, Kamargaon and Kusur were also present. The interactive session with 190 farmers covered various aspects of chrysanthemum cultivation from propagation techniques, nursery management to plant protection measures. Farmers were requested to evaluate new ICAR DFR varieties according to their criteria and give inputs for incorporation in further varietal advancement programme. The farmers who have marked their presence in the field of floriculture and processing technology were felicitated in the function. The farmers appreciated the efforts of DFR scientists and cherished the immaculate research farm. On farm training by the experts in Rose, Tuberose, Gladiolus, China aster and Marigold was organized for the benefit of the farmers.



Diversity of Chrysanthemum at ICAR- DFR, Pune , Hadapsar Farm



Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Pune, Chief Guest, addressing the gathering



Participation of farmers, nurserymen, traders and people associated with arenas of floriculture.

