

Report on Celebration of International Women's Day 2022 at ICAR-Directorate of Floricultural Research, Pune, as Part of National Campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

ICAR-Directorate of Floricultural Research, under the aegis of Indian Council of Agricultural Research successfully celebrated the International Women's Day in its true spirit and exuberance on 8th March 2022 along with women farmers and work force in rose flower production and export industry at Elsay village near Pawana Nagar, Kamshet with the theme "Empowering women farmers with skill and knowledge".

The women's day celebrations began with inauguration of the plantation of rose grafts in a new polyhouse unit erected recently with the women of the farm and scientists from ICAR-DFR. In the meeting followed, Mr. Mukund Takare, Director, SaiRoses welcomed all the participants and Scientists from ICAR_DFR to the program. Dr. Sanjay Kad, Scientist, Agricultural Extension, explained the gathering about ICAR_DFR and outreach activities undertaken by ICAR-DFR. Dr. Prabha K, Women Cell In charge and Scientist Plant Pathology discoursed on the celebration of women's day and importance of empowerment of women in the development of agriculture. Dr. Rahul Yadav, Scientist, Agriculture Engineering, detailed various skills needed for packaging and grading and congratulated the women involved in packaging of Roses for undertaking it to perfection. Dr. Shilpashree, K.G., Scientist, Soil Science explained about the importance of soil testing and invited the Sai Rose team to visit ICAR-DFR. Dr. D.M.Firake, Sr. Scientist, Agricultural Entomology explained about environmental friendly technologies for pest management in Rose. Mrs. Seema Thakar, Sarpanch of the village addressed the gathering and wished all a happy women's day. Mr. Dhyaneshwar Thakar delivered the vote of thanks.

The committee members interacted with the women management team and workers in the various stages in rose flower production and congratulated the Sai Rose team for empowering the women in the village by giving them employment. The committee members visited the production nursery for grafts in rose, the flower production units and the flower waste composting units and gave advises and suggested improvements. More than 40 participants including women and men participated in the program.

Glimpses of Women's Day Celebrations



New Polyhouse plantation drive with women force



ICAR-DFR Team with the Sair Roses Management



Women's Day Celebration with the Women Work Force at Sai Roses