## ICAR- Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research, Bharatpur

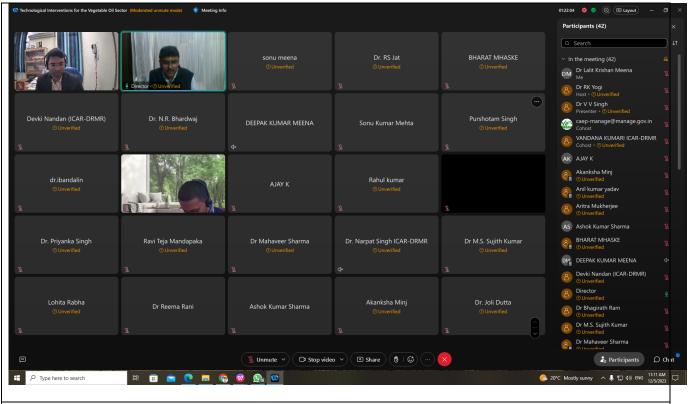
## Online Collaborative Training at ICAR-Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research, Bharatpur Concluded on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2023

A four days workshop on "Online Collaborative Training on "Technological Interventions for the Vegetable Oil Sector" during 5-8<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 was concluded at ICAR- Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research, Bharatpur on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. The event is sponsored by National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad (Telangana), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India.

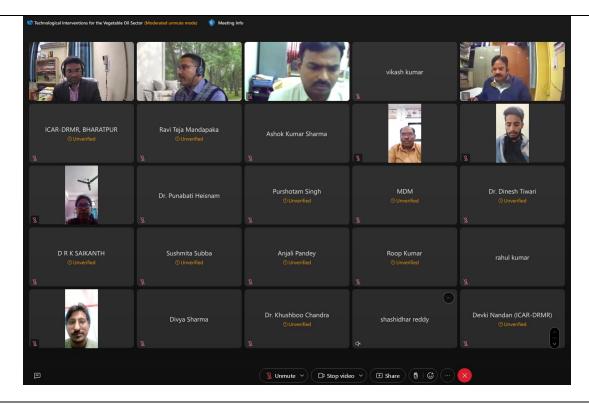
In his Opening remarks, Dr PK Rai, Director, ICAR-DRMR, Bharatpur emphasized on alternative policy planning and development of research program for sustainable production of oilseed crops to meet out the challenges of this growing demand of edible oil. Poor TFP demands a shift in production technology to meet the domestic demand of edible oils. He informed that the total expenditure on agricultural research, oilseeds and oil palm share only 2.2%. Higher allocations, either through redistribution or addition, are expected to bring innovations. With a huge share of land under oilseeds operated by the marginal and smallholders in resource-poor environments, policies that incentivize (price gains to both producers to expand area & processors to expand the capacity) and invest more for better yield may be helpful in enhancing the production of oilseeds in India. Integrated approach of farming is the key for ecological balance and rainfed farming options including oilseeds is the best option for alternative agriculture like apiculture. He briefed about the importance of rapeseed cultivation in the context of semi-arid areas where farmer depend on rainfed farming for their livelihood. In his address, Dr Rai highlighted the efforts of government in this direction are more inclined to encourage the entrepreneurship development. ICAR also strengthened Institute Technology Management Units (ITMU) by establishing Agri Business Incubation (ABI) Centers to facilitate the start -up in agricultural sector. He complimented the efforts of ICAR-DRMR and MANAGE, Hyderabad for organizing such events, especially capacity building programs.

In his Concluding remarks, Dr VV Singh, Principal Scientist & Director (In Charge), ICAR-DRMR, Bharatpur briefed about the significance of recent technological initiatives for production and value addition in the Indian oilseed sector. In his address, Dr Singh highlighted the efforts of government to encourage the entrepreneurship development. He also emphasized the district level approach to intervene based on the local constraints of low productivity. He complimented the resource person for their comprehensive presentations. Experts from ICAR-DRMR (Bharatpur), ICAR-IISR (Indore), ICAR-IIOR (Hyderabad) and ICAR-DGR (Junagarh) covered various aspects of the oilseed sector to minimize the edible oil import dependency in India.

Dr RK Yogi, Course Director of the program presented the feedback report of online Google Feedback Form. A total of 17 lectures were delivered by the resource persons during the period. A total of 109 officials/Scientists/Assistant Professors/ Students /Research Scholars from the various organizations including State Agricultural University, Farmers' Producer Organization, federations, NGOs, *etc.* have registered under the workshop. Dignitaries including Head of the Divisions, scientists, officials and staff of this institute were also present during the Valedictory Function. Dr Lalit Krishan Meena, Co-ordinator of the program proposed Vote of Thanks.



Address by the Dignitaries during Inaugural function



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Presentations by the experts during the Web shop