

One day workshop on “Agro Technology of ‘Nagauri’ Ashwagandha” at Parewra, Bidasar, Rajasthan



ICAR-Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research, Anand organized a one day workshop on “Agro Technology of ‘Nagauri’ Ashwagandha” under project “Ashwagandha Campaign”, held on September 11, 2023 at Parewra, Bidasar, Rajasthan. About 50 Ashwagandha cultivators from nearby villages of Churu, Bikaner and Nagaur Districts participated. Dr. P.L. Saran, Principal Scientist & organizing Secretary welcomed the dignitaries, resource persons, progressive farmers, and gave introduction

to the workshop. Dr Manish Das, Director, ICAR-DMAPR in his presidential address enlightened our Ashwagandha farmers about the status and need of ‘Nagori’ Ashwagandha in the present scenario when we are unable to fulfill requirements. In his address, he also motivated and urged them to come forward for cultivation and conservation of this landrace and also assured them of giving full support from ICAR DMAPR, Anand in registration/G.I. of the same. Two farmer representatives Shri



Sohanlal and Shri Laxminarayan Kevatiya showed interest in ‘Nagori’ Ashwagandha and other medicinal crops. Dr. P. L. Saran, Principal Scientist delivered a lecture on Agro-techniques of Nagori Ashwagandha. Dr. K. A. Kalariya, Co-organizing Secretary, addressed the farmers on intellectual property, its protection and farmer’s rights which comes under PPVFR, New Delhi. Dr. G. N. Khadke Scientist sensitized the farmers about GAP. Shri Dinesh Kumavat, Agriculture Officer, Bidasar



(Churu) highlighted different schemes of government related to farmers. The members of the Nagauri Welfare Society, Nagaur (Shri Kesharam Tard) requested for making the landrace



registered as farmers' variety and to get the GI of the same. ICAR-DMAPR, Anand being the premier scientific organization of the country working on MAPs will provide technical, scientific and back office support in materializing the same. Dr. Das has agreed to extend every possible support in registration of G.I., landrace, suitable intercrops, marketing and resolve nematode problem in Ashwagandha cultivation. The Programme was ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. K.A. Kalariya, Sr. Scientist.

