ICAR-DGR organizes a Three day Farmers' Training on Improving the Quality of Farm Saved Groundnut Seeds

A training programme aimed at improving the quality and purity of farm-saved seeds of groundnut was organized by the ICAR-DGR, Junagadh from 22nd to 24th December, 2014. Like many other field crops, in groundnut also only 25% quality seed is made available to the farmers through public seed systems. The remaining 75% requirement of seed is met through farm saved seed.

The programme was organised to bridge the large the gap on the availability of the quality seeds by preparing the farmers to take up quality seed production. Farmers from three villages Sukhpur, Raipur and Navagaon of Saurashtra region of Gujarat participated in this training programme.

Farmers were encouraged to adopt new groundnut varieties and to popularize a quality seed production system starting with as low as 2kg of pure and good quality seed, in situations where required quantity of seed of new varieties is not available. By this method, in three cycle of multiplication 2kg seed will produce good quality seed sufficient for at least one hectare area.

Different aspects of maintenance of genetic and physical purity of seed, good agronomic practices, use of micronutrients, bio-fertilizers, latest groundnut varieties, management of insect-pests and diseases were also explained to the farmers.

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