

National Consultation Meeting on Sapota

The “National Consultation Meeting on Sapota” was jointly organized by ICAR-AICRP on Fruits and Navsari Agricultural University (NAU) at NAU, Navsari (Gujarat) on 29th of September, 2015.



Dr. C. J. Dangaria, Vice-Chancellor, NAU and Dr. T. Janakiram, ADG (Hort. Sci. I), ICAR graced the occasion. In his Presidential address, Dr. C. J. Dangaria emphasized the problems associated with sapota marketing and grading, which were the major issues of sapota cultivation in Gujarat. Dr. T. Janakiram appreciated efforts of NAU in organizing this joint venture. He emphasized the important researchable issues like post-harvest management, use of micronutrients and crop regulation which are the areas yet to be addressed. Dr. Prakash Patil, Project Coordinator (Fruits) briefed the national scenario of sapota cultivation and spoke about the genesis of the consultation meeting. All the stakeholders of sapota viz. policy makers, farmers, co-operative societies, SHG's related to processing and traders were brought together under single platform in the meet. Fruitful interactions were transpired among the stakeholders, scientists and policy makers. An exhibition of different sapota varieties as well as the processed products made by farmers/SHGs was also organized. A total of 100 delegates from SAU-based and ICAR-institute-based centres of ICAR-AICRP, and research scholars and progressive farmers, SHGs and presidents of grower's association participated.