

Dear Members,

We are glad to inform you that the Council will be entering into an Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Council of Agricultural Research represented (ICAR) -Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (IIOR), Hyderabad and Project Coordinator, AICRP Sesame and Niger, Jabalpur on 26th May 2022.. The MoU is being entered into with the following objectives:-

- Plan and assist in increasing area under cultivation, yield, and production of Oilseeds in India by optimizing use of technology and carry out activities jointly at all levels including farm level. Ensure assisting in providing larger quantities of improved quality certified seeds to farmers to enable improve the seed replacement ratio.
- Strengthen the backward and forward linkages in supply-chain of Oilseeds.
- Encourage adoption of Food Safety Principles by trade and industry, engaged in production, storage, transport, and exports of Oilseeds in India. Guidance to farmers on Good Agriculture Practices by distributing literature considering the pesticides which should not be used, conducting demonstrations, popularization of improved varieties in relevant areas, adoption of newer varieties with better taste (lower oxalic acid), higher lignan, higher oil, lower acid value, etc.in case of Sesame seed.
- Recommend policies and programmes to the Government of India which are conducive to the growth of Oilseed Sector.
- Defending interests of Indian Oilseed sector in the world markets

The ICAR- IIOR is having their Annual Group Meeting of Sesame & Niger on 26th May 2022. For programme details ([Click Here](#)). The signing of MoU as stated above is schedule to be held between 11.30 A.M to 11.45 A.M. Members interested to attend the programme on virtual mode please ([Click here](#))

Regards,

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