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To The Chief Editor;

Dear Sir/ Madam

India to offer Sustainable Castor Oil from ensuing season to World Market

The World Castor Sustainability Forum (WCSF) pleased to announce, a group of 30 representatives from Member of WCSF, trained in Sustainable Castor Production as a Trainer at the Training of Trainers (ToT) Workshop, in Ahmedabad during 21st-23rd June 2024 and happy to announce 10 Members companies decided to produce sustainable castor seed and would be in a position to offer sustainable Castor oil in the World market during current year itself.

The World Castor Sustainability Forum (WCSF) successfully concluded its highly anticipated Training of Trainers (ToT) program aimed at advancing sustainable practices in the castor industry. Hosted under the objective of "Empowering Sustainable Futures," the three-day event encompassed comprehensive training sessions and interactive farm visits, fostering a robust dialogue on environmental stewardship, social responsibility, governance, and agricultural best practices. A highlight of the event was the unveiling of a cutting-edge Mobile App designed to streamline WCSF's operations, marking a significant step towards paperless practices and enhanced sustainability initiatives.

The WCSF's ToT program brought together industry experts, stakeholders, and trainers to delve into key principles crucial for sustainable castor production. Participants engaged in dynamic discussions, gaining insights into innovative techniques and strategies that promote ecological balance, enhance community engagement, ensure effective governance, and optimize agricultural productivity.

"We are thrilled with the enthusiastic response and active participation in ToT program," remarked Haresh Vyas, Director of WCSF. "This initiative underscores our commitment to equipping trainers with the knowledge and tools necessary to drive sustainable development within the castor industry."

Throughout the event, attendees had the unique opportunity to visit local farms, interact with farmers, and witness sustainable practices in action. These experiences not only deepened their understanding but also inspired collaborative efforts towards achieving long-term sustainability goals.

Looking ahead, WCSF remains dedicated to fostering a global network of trained professionals who will champion sustainable castor production practices worldwide. By empowering trainers through initiatives like the ToT program, WCSF continues to pave the way for a more resilient and sustainable future.

For more information on WCSF and its initiatives, please visit www.sustainablecastor.org.

This is for your information and necessary coverage in your esteemed media.

Thanking You.

Yours Faithfully,



Haresh Vyas
Director



Dr. B V Mehta
Director

Attached- Photographs

About WCSF -

WORLD CASTOR SUSTAINABILITY FORUM (WCSF) the subsidiary company formed by The Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA), facilitates the development of a sustainable and traceable supply chain of castor while improving the economic, social, and environmental performance of the castor supply chain. Improve productivity and sustainability in the castor supply chain in India and the world, thereby enhancing economic self-sufficiency and livelihoods of smallholder producers. WCSF commits to fostering environmental stewardship, economic resilience, and social equity within the castor industry. By promoting good agriculture practices, WCSF aims to elevate the quality and sustainability of castor production, ensuring a thriving ecosystem, fair livelihoods for farmers, and responsible sourcing for global markets. Grounded in transparency, innovation, and community engagement, WCSF seeks to be the benchmark for sustainable castor production in India, driving positive impact across the value chain and advancing towards a greener, more equitable future.

Workshop Photographs



Haresh Vyas, Director, WCSF, welcoming all the participants and briefing the moto of ToT Programme



Full House engaged Participants in the ToT Programme



Chirag Shahare, Trainer, Peterson Projects, involving the participants in the activities



Dr Chirag Bhuva, Chief Coordinator, SEA Model Farms Project, explaining the farmers about WCSF and Sustainable practises



Chirag Shahare, Trainer, Peterson Projects explaining the Participants regards the Farm observation and points to be consider while interviewing the Farmer.



Organising Team, with ToT Participants



Participants along with the Farmers during the Field Visit



Certificates issued to ToT Programme Participants