Groundnut processing unit launched

Walmart grants $2 million to ICRISAT; 4 more units planned for Anantapur

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid-Tropics (ICRISAT) with financial support from the Walmart Foundation launched a primary groundnut processing unit at Maruru village in the district on Friday.

The processing unit will help about 1,000 farmers realise an additional income of up to $100,000 annually, according to the ICRISAT. A joint press release said women and men from farming community in Anantapur district, a dryland region, will create a self-sustaining agribusiness model aimed at doubling their farm incomes.

District Collector G. Veerapandian, Accion Fraterna Ecology Centre Director Malla Reddy, and ICRISAT Deputy Director General - Research (Acting) Kiran Sharma, were among the dignitaries at the event.

Eliminating the systemic barriers that prevent farmers from increasing their productivity and market access, therefore, must attain priority, which is why the Walmart Foundation’s grant of $2 million to ICRISAT is crucial,” said Rajneesh Kumar, Senior Vice President & Chief Corporate Affairs Officer of Walmart India.

Four more groundnut processing units have been planned for the district and local youth and women entrepreneurs will be engaged,” said Peter Carberry, Director General (Acting), ICRISAT.

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