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This is matter of great pleasure that **Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru** is visiting our university and has kindly accepted our request to deliver expert lecture on **Advances in Crop Improvement in Flower Crops in Relation to Competitive Examinations**. The lecture has been arranged on **09-09-2024 (14:00- 16:00 hrs)** at **Swami Vivekanand Hall, ACH, NAU, Navsari**. All the PG and B.Sc. (Hort.) VIIth semester students of ASPEE College of Horticulture and other interested are requested to remain present well in time for the said lecture.

Dr. Kumar is one of the most renowned Floriculturist of country. Most noteworthy work in his credit is he has **released 20 varieties in commercial flower crops** such as China aster, Chrysanthemum, Gladiolus, Gerbera and Tuberose. He has registered 23 genetic stocks with ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi and contributed in the development of National DUS test guidelines for China aster and Gerbera. Dr. Kumar is currently the Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Horticultural Sciences, Bengaluru, Editor of Indian Journal of Horticulture and Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi. He has published 125 research articles, 25 popular articles, 14 edited books, 36 book chapters, 8 technical bulletins and 6 extension folders. .

I am confident that his talk will encourage and guide students for preparation of JRF/SRF/NET exams. Dr. S.L. Chawla, Assoc. Prof. (FLA) will coordinate and organize the lecture.

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