

Agripreneurship Development Program on “Processed Food Products from Millets” Begins

ICAR-IARI is organizing one-week training program on “Processed Food Products from Millets” from 04th 2023 to 08th December 2023. The program was inaugurated on Monday by Dr. Viswanathan Chinnusamy, Joint Director (Research), IARI in presence of eminent IARI scientists and officials at ZTM & BPD Unit, Pusa Campus, New Delhi – 110012.



The program started with a welcome address by Dr. Bindvi Arora, Scientist (SS) and Course Co-Coordinator, Food Science and Post-harvest Technology (FS&PHT) followed by a brief introduction about Pusa Krishi by Dr. Akriti Sharma, In-Charge, ZTM & BPD Unit and Course Coordinator and brief about the training program by Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Head, FS&PHT and Course Director.

Soon after the inauguration, Dr. Akriti Sharma took a session on the possibilities of millets-based foods for commercial exploitation and financing plan, which was followed by a lecture on introduction and scope for use of Alternate food grains and novel nutrition sources and identification of millets, pseudocereals by Dr. Shalini Gaur Rudra, and extrusion processing of millets by Dr. Bindvi Arora, Scientist, FS&PHT.

Additionally, distinguished agri experts and mentors including Dr. Debabandya Mahapatra, Dr. P K Sahoo, Dr. S P Singh, Dr. Suneha Goswami, Dr. Vinutha, Dr. N Chandra, and Dr Anamika will contribute to the training program by sharing their knowledge and expertise with the participants.

The ADP on processed food products from millets will help in creating awareness regarding the superfood - Millets. It will also provide knowledge on the nutritional as well as technological aspects of alternate grain foods such as major & minor millets to enable their incorporation in conventional foods. In addition, trainees will be introduced to minor millets like kodo, little millet, proso millet, barnyard millet & soybean products. The value-added products from these will be demonstrated through hands on training in the IARI laboratory. Trainees will be exposed to various aspects of labelling, packaging, and certification norms for commercial prospects. They will be provided knowledge on potential funding agencies, business development and how to generate employment and income from it.