

Valedictory Ceremony of ADP on Processed Food Products from Millets Held on December 8



The valedictory ceremony of Agripreneurship Development Program on Processed Food Products from Millets organized by Pusa Krishi in collaboration with the Division of Food Science and Post-harvest Technology was held on Friday, 08th December 2023 in the august presence of Dr Rabindra Nath Padaria, Joint Director (Extension), Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Head, Principal Scientist, Dr. Shalini Gaur Rudra, Sr. Scientist, Dr. Bindvi Arora, Scientist at Food Science & Post Harvest Technology, Dr Akriti Sharma, CEO, Pusa Krishi, and other officials.

Dr. Shalini started the valedictory ceremony with a warm welcome speech and a short brief of the entire ADP. Dr. Padaria then shared his knowledge and insights on millets with the trainees. The best part of the ceremony was distribution of baked food products from millets like nutri crackers, sorghum pizza base, proso millet laddu etc. made by trainees. The ceremony ended with the distribution of certificates, and group photoshoot.



During this one-week training program that began on Monday, 04th December 2023, participants gained knowledge on the identification of millets, cultivation practices, varietal variation & biofortified millets. They also learned about nutritional and technological aspects of alternate grain foods such as major & minor millets to enable their incorporation in conventional foods. In addition, trainees were introduced to minor millets like kodo, little millet, proso millet, barnyard millet & soybean products. The value-added products from these were demonstrated through hands-on-training in the IARI laboratory. Participants were also exposed to various aspects of labelling, packaging, and certification norms for commercial prospects.