

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao Inaugurates Training Program on “Mushroom Cultivation for Sustainable Agribusiness”

The ZTM & BPD unit, in collaboration with the Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), has launched a one-week training program on **“Mushroom Cultivation for Sustainable Agribusiness.”** The program was inaugurated today (25 August 2025) by Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI, at the ZTM & BPD unit’s Conference Hall.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Rao expressed great pleasure at seeing a diverse group comprising students, farmers, women and government officials actively engaging in the program. He highlighted the growing potential of mushroom cultivation as a sustainable, income-generating enterprise in modern agriculture. Commending the enthusiasm of the attendees, he emphasized the crucial role such training programs play in equipping aspiring agri-entrepreneurs with practical skills and technical knowledge. Dr. Rao further urged the mentors to not only highlight the opportunities in mushroom cultivation but also to prepare participants for real-world challenges, enabling them to make informed and resilient decisions in their agribusiness ventures.



Dr. Rao also launched the training manual titled “Mushroom Cultivation for Sustainable Agribusiness,” which will be given to participants at the conclusion of the program.

The event was graced by several senior IARI scientists, including Dr. M.S. Saharan, Head, Division of Plant Pathology; Dr. Deeba Kamil, Senior Scientist; Dr. Amrita Das, Senior

Scientist, Plant Pathology; and Dr. Akriti Sharma, In-charge & Scientist (SS), ZTM & BPD Unit. Their presence added valuable insights and strengthened the program's focus on research-driven, practical training.



The objective of this 5-day training is to equip participants with advanced skills and knowledge in the cultivation and production techniques of various mushroom varieties and to provide in-depth training on the processing and transformation of cultivated mushrooms to improve quality, marketability & profitability.

