

## Successful Completion of Agripreneurship Development Program on “Microgreens Growing Practices”



The Agripreneurship Development Program titled “Microgreens Growing Practices: A Hands-on Approach for Better Health and Business Opportunities,” organized by the ZTM & BPD Unit in association with the Division of Biochemistry, ICAR-IARI, was successfully conducted from 17-21 November 2025. The event attracted a diverse group of participants, including students, researchers and academicians, all eager to expand their knowledge and skills in microgreens cultivation.



The program was inaugurated on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at ZTM & BPD by Dr. Sudhakar Pandey, ADG (Flower/Veg./Spices/Med. Plants), ICAR, in the presence of Dr. G.P. Mishra, Head & Principal Scientist, Division of SST; Dr. Ajeet Singh, Scientist (SS), Division of Biochemistry; Dr. Akriti Sharma, In-charge, ZTM & BPD and other scientists.

The 5-day training provided participants with simple, practical guidance on growing different microgreens such as mustard, radish, mungbean, lentil and pea. Live demonstrations explained basic cultivation steps, seed quality, nutritional benefits and the role of proper light (PAR) in healthy growth.

The program also focused on the commercial potential of microgreens. Participants learned about increasing market demand, basic steps to start a microgreens venture and sustainable practices that can help improve profitability. Hands-on sessions allowed them to practice managing growth conditions, enhancing yield and reducing production costs.

By the end of the training, participants were equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to either launch their own microgreens businesses or enhance their existing cultivation practices.



The program concluded with a valedictory session held on 21 November 2025 at the Division of Biochemistry, where Dr. R.N. Padaria, Joint Director (Extension), IARI graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.