

ICAR-CIPHET ORGANISED AN EDP ON ‘NUTRITIVE FLOUR AND HEALTH FOODS’

ICAR-Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology, Ludhiana has organized an Entrepreneurship development programme (EDP) for farmers, entrepreneurs and self help group members on ‘Nutritive Flour and Health Foods’ from October 22-26, 2018. This EDP was sponsored by Agricultural Technology Management Agency, Palampur, Kangra (HP). This programme was coordinated by Dr. Mridula D., I/c Head and Pr. Scientist, Dr. Deepika Goswami, Scientist, Dr. Pankaj Kumar, Scientist and Er. Chandan Solanki, Scientist of FG&OP Division. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. R. K. Singh, Director, ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest of the function, Dr. R. K. Singh emphasized on the importance of health foods and their huge market potential for profitability. He also mentioned that concept of health food is not new to India. We will have to search our ancient literature to reinvent what health food is all about.

This five days EDP was designed to give participants a complete exposure to the basic concepts of value addition, processing and packaging, quality control, safety issues and regulatory standards of nutritive flour, quick cooking *dalia*, quick cooking multigrain *dalia*, high protein extrudates and functional pasta. It comprised of various lectures, practicals and hands on training by experienced scientists from ICAR-CIPHET and distinguished experts from outside organizations. During the valedictory function, the farmers expressed their overwhelming response for the training received. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Neelam Grewal, Member, PPSC, Patiala & Former Director, ICAR-CIWA, Bhubaneswar and chief guest motivated the participants for starting their own business based on the technologies learned at ICAR-CIPHET

and encouraged the participants to inform about the ICAR-CIPHET food processing technologies to other farm families in their respective villages.

