

## Entrepreneurial Development Programme on Meat processing & Value Addition concludes at ICAR-CIPHET Ludhiana



Keeping up with the increased market demand for meat & meat products, skill development and entrepreneurship in the sector is the need of the hour. This is further necessitated by enhanced hygienic and safety requirements laid down by different regulatory authorities for meat packages and processing plants. ICAR-Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology (ICAR-CIPHET), Ludhiana, a premier institute dealing with agricultural processing, value addition and reduction of food losses, conducted a three-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) on 'Meat Processing & Value Addition' from 20-22 September, 2018. The programme aimed to impart hands-on training to the budding entrepreneurs in meat processing and related aspects of food safety, packaging and quality control. Special emphasis was given to train the candidates in development of novel meat products like low fat and high fibre meat snacks. Speaking in the inaugural session, Dr. S. K. Tyagi, Project Coordinator AICRP on PHET, advised the participants about the entrepreneurial opportunities in meat processing and the financial support available from different Indian government agencies and banks. Dr. Yogesh Kumar, Coordinator of this EDP

acquainted the audience of different meat based technologies developed by ICAR-CIPHET and the prospective returns to the start-ups on adoption of the modern technologies.

The programme was attended by four candidates consisting of three aspiring entrepreneurs and a well-established businessman who was interested in updating his knowledge besides learning about novel meat products and modern packaging techniques. Faculty from ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana and Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana were roped in for imparting the training. Dr. R. K. Singh, Director, ICAR-CIPHET, presented the certificates to the participants in valedictory session and laid emphasis on the need of nurturing such meat processing start-ups. Dr. Singh reaffirmed the support to the candidates in providing technical know-how for establishing their units. Akhoon Asrar, Scientist working at ICAR-CIPHET and Co-Coordinator of this EDP asserted the plan to conduct this training again in the coming months considering the overwhelming demand and also on the persistent request of candidates who couldn't attend this time.

