IARI Successfully Concludes Training on Next-Generation Food Processing: Opportunities for Agripreneurs

IARI-Pusa Krishi, in collaboration with the Division of Food Science and Post Harvest Technology (FS & PHT), ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-IARI), successfully organized a six-day Agripreneurship Development Programme titled *"Next-Generation Food Processing: Opportunities for Agripreneurs"* from 5 to 10 October 2026. The programme aimed to equip aspiring entrepreneurs and agritech startups with the technical knowledge, practical skills and entrepreneurial insights needed to explore emerging opportunities in the food processing sector.





The programme was inaugurated on Monday, 5 October 2026, at the ZTM & BPD Unit, ICAR-IARI. Dr. C. Viswanathan, Joint Director (Research), ICAR-IARI, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Course Director Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Head and Course Co- Directors Dr. Alka Joshi and Dr. Bindvi Arora from Division of Food Science and Post Harvest Technology and Dr. Akriti Sharma, Course Coordinator and In-charge, ZTM & BPD Unit, ICAR-IARI were also present.

The training focused on familiarizing participants with emerging food processing technologies and modern processing methods, emphasizing the value addition of agricultural produce. It sought to strengthen their understanding of transforming raw agricultural commodities into safe, high-quality and marketable food products, thereby creating avenues for entrepreneurship, innovation and enterprise development in the agricultural and food processing sectors.





The programme featured a combination of theoretical lectures, hands-on practical sessions and field visits, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of food processing techniques and their practical applications. This blend of classroom learning and experiential exposure enabled the trainees to gain insights into relevant technologies, processing practices and potential business opportunities in the sector.





The programme concluded with a valedictory session on 9 October 2026, marking the culmination of the training activities. Dr. P. S. Brahmanand, Project Director, Water Technology Centre, ICAR-IARI, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He distributed certificates of participation to the trainees and encouraged them to continue engaging in such meaningful training programmes to enhance their knowledge, develop practical competencies and pursue entrepreneurial opportunities.