

Entrepreneurship Development in Vegetable Crops: Training Organized by ICAR-IARI

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Agripreneurship Development Program (ADP) on “Entrepreneurship development through hybrid seed production of vegetable crops” was organized by Division of Vegetable Science & ZTM&BPD Unit, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi from 6 to 11th October 2025. The main objective of the training was to develop entrepreneurship skills in hybrid seed production of vegetable crops including hands on practices on hybrid seed production techniques, seed quality testing, seed business opportunities in India, seed processing for quality upgradation, packaging and storage, regulations and challenges, molecular techniques for hybridity confirmation. A total of 22 participants from 9 states attended the training. The scientists of Division of Vegetable Science, Seed Science and Technology, Centre for Protected Cultivation Technology and National Seeds Corporation delivered 18 lectures and 4 practical. The industry visit was scheduled to Acsen AgriScience (HyVeg), Sohana (Gurugram) on 11th October, 2025. Dr Sudhakar Pandey, ADG (Flowers, Vegetables, Spices and Medicinal Plants), ICAR, New Delhi was the chief guest of the valedictory function. In his remarks, he mentioned that the productivity of vegetables can be improved through hybrid seeds. He also emphasized that varieties and hybrids should be developed based on the demand of the consumers, stakeholders, and farmers. He also mentioned the idea of "One Nation One License" for commercialization of hybrids and varieties. The participants reported a significant improvement in their understanding in hybrid seed production of vegetables.



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