

Four-Day Agripreneurship Development Program on Spirulina Concludes Successfully

A four-day Agripreneurship Development Program (ADP) on “**Cultivation and Processing of Spirulina Biomass Towards Value-Added Product Development and Exposure to Commercial Ventures**” was successfully organized by IARI-Pusa Krishi in association with the CCUBGA, Division of Microbiology, ICAR-IARI, from 7-10 July 2026.



The training programme was inaugurated on 7 July 2026 by Dr. R. N. Padaria, Joint Director (Extension), ICAR-IARI, who highlighted the immense potential of spirulina as a nutrient-rich biomass with wide-ranging applications in nutraceuticals, functional foods and value-added products. He emphasized that spirulina contains significantly higher levels of essential nutrients than soybean, making it a promising resource for addressing nutritional challenges and creating sustainable agri-enterprises. He encouraged participants to adopt scientific cultivation and processing techniques while exploring commercial opportunities in the spirulina sector.

A total of 33 participants from different states and diverse professional backgrounds participated in the programme, reflecting the growing interest in spirulina-based entrepreneurship.

The training featured expert lectures, hands-on practical sessions and a field visit to a commercial spirulina production unit in Rohtak, Haryana. Participants gained practical insights into the importance of spirulina as a food supplement, technologies for mass production of *Spirulina platensis*, harvesting and drying techniques, value-added product development, food fortification, business model creation, enterprise development and market opportunities.



The programme concluded with a valedictory session on 10 July 2026, with Dr. Radha Prasanna, Head, Division of Microbiology, ICAR-IARI, gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest. In her address, she encouraged the participants to leverage the knowledge and practical skills gained during the programme to establish sustainable and successful agribusiness ventures. She also congratulated them on successfully completing the training and wished them success in their entrepreneurial journey.



Certificates were awarded to all participants upon successful completion of the programme. During the feedback session, participants expressed their appreciation for the well-structured training, highlighting its effective blend of scientific knowledge, hands-on practical exposure, industry interactions and entrepreneurial guidance. They described the programme as highly enriching and valuable for building confidence to pursue opportunities in the spirulina sector.