## ICAR-CIPHET Ludhiana gave licensing of pearl millet based extrudates to M/s Komalika Farmer Producer Company Ltd., Aligarh

Extruded snack food is popular due to its convenience, low cost, and variety of flavors and shapes along with easy avaliablility in vending machines, convenience stores, and supermarkets. However most of the expanded snack foods available in the market are made from starchy food grains, that induce the higher expansion and better textural and functional properties but nutritionally poorer in minerals, antioxidants, and dietary fiber. Pearl millet based products are loaded with various other essential goodness that makes it critically important for health conscious people. ICAR-CIPHET is committed and working consistently to meet the food needs of the nation by developing and promoting health food products and in line with this ICAR-CIPHET has developed pearl millet based extrudates. Mr. R.P. Pachaury, M/s Komalika Farmer Producer Company Ltd., Aligarh approached for the same. Dr. Deepika Goswami imparted the hands on training to the entrepreneur on 14 Dec 2023. Dr. Renu Balakrishnan I/c ITMU facilitated this licensing and training. Dr. R.K. Vishwakarma, I/c Director, ICAR-CIPHET awarded the agreement & certificate on successful completion of training and assured her that all possible help will be extended for establishment of this venture.

