## ICAR-CIPHET Welcomes ASEAN Delegates for 10-Day International Training

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The ten-day international training programme titled "Capacity Building on Post-Harvest Technology of Fruits, Vegetables, and Millets" is inaugurated on 26th November 2024 at ICAR CIPHET Ludhiana. The programme is designed for 16 international participants from ASEAN member states, including Brunei Darussalam, Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand from 26<sup>th</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024. This initiative is a collaboration between the Government of India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The participants represent various departments under the agricultural ministries of their respective countries. Director ICAR CIPHET Ludhiana welcomed all the delegates and gave overview of the ASEAN training program. This training program aims to enhance regional collaboration and knowledge sharing on postharvest technology and mechanization solutions for value addition and food security. With a focus on fruits, vegetables, and millets, the program will offer insights into innovative technologies and sustainable practices to improve the shelf life and quality of produce, reduce post-harvest losses, and ensure food safety. The training programme includes lectures, practical's, demonstration visits (Chandigarh, Abohar), labs and local food processing industry (Ludhiana) These ASEAN countries exhibit diverse agro-climatic conditions that enable the production of a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and millets. These crops not only contribute to food security in the region but also serve as a source of income for millions of smallholder farmer.

