

## ICAR-CIPHET Organized an EDP on 'Nutritive Flour and Health Foods' during Oct 22-26, 2018

ICAR-Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology, Ludhiana has organized an Entrepreneurship development programme (EDP) for farmers, entrepreneurs and self help group members on 'Nutritive Flour and Health Foods' from October 22-26, 2018. This EDP was sponsored by Agricultural Technology Management Agency, Palampur, Kangra (HP). Dr. Mridula D., Pr. Scientist & I/c Head FG&OP Division was the Coordinator



of This EDP while Dr. Deepika Goswami, Scientist, SS (FST), Dr Pankaj Kumar Scientist (ASPE) and Er. Chandan Solanki, Scientist (ASPE) of FG&OP Division were the Co-coordinators of this programme. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. R. K. Singh, Director, ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest of the function, Dr. R. K. Singh emphasized on the importance of health foods and their huge market potential for profitability. He also mentioned that concept of health food is not new to India. We will have to search our ancient literature to reinvent what health food is all about and exploit those techniques and technologies for commercial purposes too. This five days EDP was designed to give participants a complete exposure to food processing and value addition, packaging of primary processed grains and processed products, food quality and safety issues and FSSAI regulations for the unprocessed grains and processed food products. The programme comprised of various lectures, practicals and hands on training by experienced team of scientists from ICAR-CIPHET and distinguished experts from outside organizations. During the valedictory session, the farmers expressed their overwhelming response for the training received. Addressing on the occasion, Dr Neelam Grewal, Member, PPSC, Patiala & Former Director, ICAR-CIWA, Bhubaneswar and Chief Guest motivated the participants for starting their own business based on the technologies learned at ICAR-CIPHET and encouraged the participants to inform about the ICAR-CIPHET food processing technologies to other farm families in their respective villages.

