

Training program on “Protein-Enriched: Cereal and Millet Based Value-Added Products” conducted by ICAR-CIPHET Ludhiana

October 20, 2023 ICAR–Central Institute of Post–Harvest Engineering and Technology, Ludhiana organized a three-days training program on “Protein-Enriched: Cereal and Millet Based Value-Added Products” from 18th to 20th October, 2023 under the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan scheme of Government of India. The programme was aimed to strengthen Scheduled Caste poor families and nurture them to initiate activities in the field of cereals, and millets processing with special emphasis on value added food products. Fifty Scheduled caste women participants from villages Sekha, Kot Dhuna, Maurnabha, Dhilwan, Bhakthgarh, Tallewal, Bhotna, Uggoke village of Sehna block of Barnala District of Punjab participated in the program. The training program was Coordinated by Ms. Surya Scientist, Dr Manju Bala, Principal Scientist & Dr. Swati Sethi, Scientist, FG&OP Division, ICAR-CIPHET Ludhiana. The skill development program provided hands-on training on processing of food grains such as milling of millets, and cereals, pasta making, bakery products from millets (biscuits and muffins from finger millet), extruded and popped products from coarse cereals like pearl millet and sorghum. The experts delivered lectures during the training program on various government schemes and marketing strategies. Dr. R K Vishwakarma, Incharge Director, ICAR-CIPHET highlighted that the processing facilities of ICAR-CIPHET can be utilized by interested participants to initiate entrepreneurial activities; and attain experience for entering into the processing field. Dr. Manju Bala, Head, FG&OP Division motivated the participants to form FPO/groups and start processing in the area of millet processing and value addition. A training manual on the subject was also released and distributed to the participants for knowledge sharing. Mr. Manpreet Singh and Ms Sakshi from Grant Thornton Bharat team Ludhiana provided support in facilitating involvement of participants in this 3 days training.

