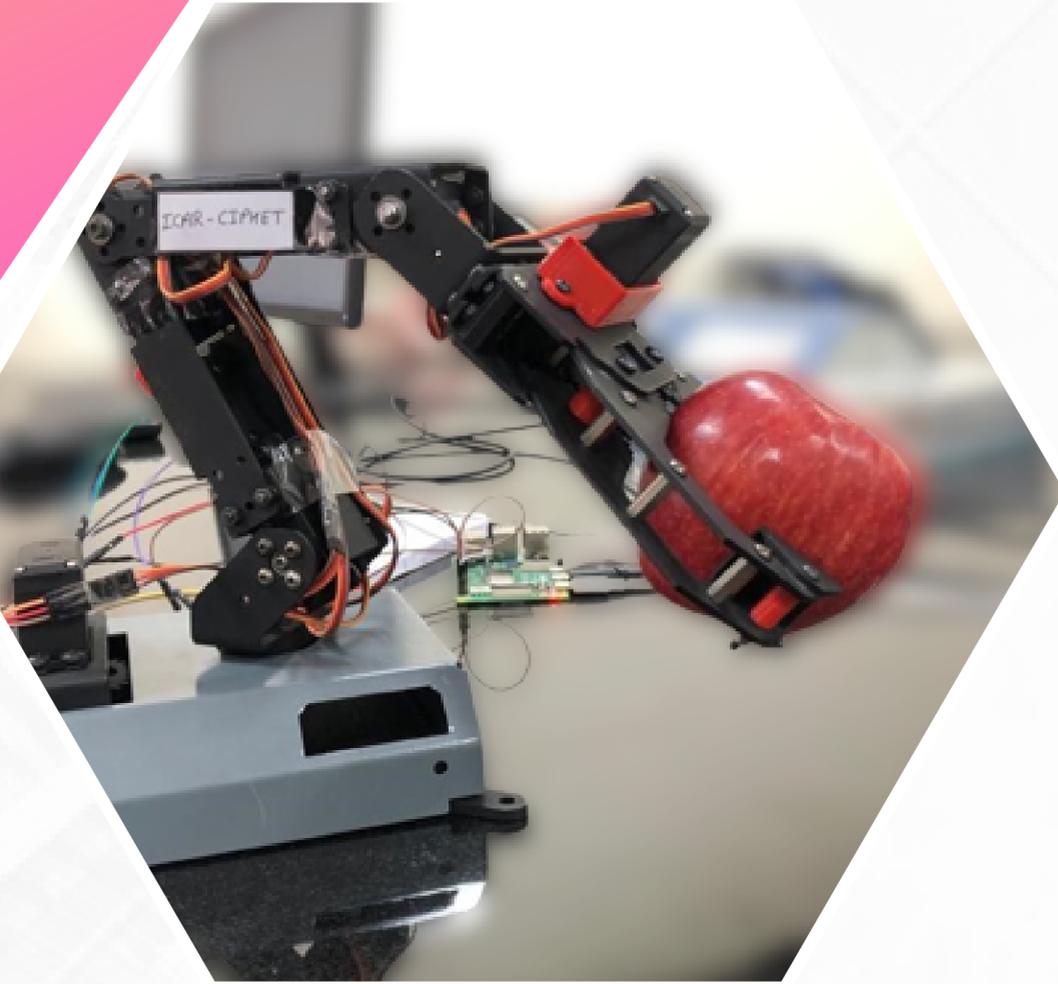


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From the Director's Desk

I am delighted to share the highlights of Scientific, Human Resource Development and other achievements of ICAR-Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering & Technology including two AICRP's and one CRP during January-March, 2023. The major machinery developed during this period are: flexible light trap for grain moth, prototype laboratory of robotic arm for picking of apples, cocoa conching cum tempering machine, Agrivoltaic Greenhouse System and Mahua stamen remover. The major production technologies have been Vinegar from syrup waste of osmotic-dehydration of aonla and functional probiotic meat product. Besides, characterization has been carried out for many traditional and innovative products which have potential for extraction of valuable products and compounds.



During the quarter, we organized and celebrated many events including Republic Day, National Science Day and International Women's Day at ICAR-CIPHET. We feel proud to announce that we have obtained a patent for the process of preparing fat-free flavoured *Makhana*. About four technologies were licensed including the preparation of fat-free flavoured *Makahana*, rice bran protein processing technology, mechanized system for popping and decortications of *Makhana* seeds, and mechanized system for primary roasting of raw *Makhana* seeds.

Our scientists have actively participated in various workshops and seminars and have published a good number of research and popular articles. Furthermore, extension activities such as farmer's training, KVK activities, ABI activities, and visits have been conducted during this period. Through our SCSP (Scheduled Caste Sub Plan) programme, ICAR-CIPHET has reached out to the Scheduled Caste Community across different regions of the country, focusing on processing and value addition of fish, under-utilized fruits, millets, and pulses.

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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

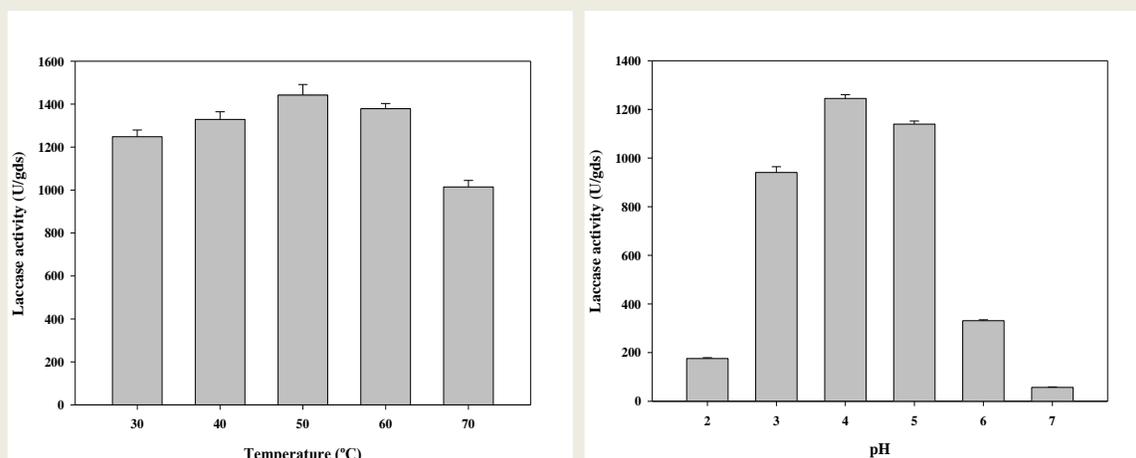
Partial purification and determination of optimum temperature and pH for maximum activity of partially purified laccase enzyme

- Ms. Surya, Dr. DN Yadav, Dr. Rajeev K. Kapoor

Crude Laccase enzyme obtained after solid state fermentation of de-oiled rice bran was partially purified using acetone precipitation method. The enzyme activity of partially purified enzyme was measured at 470 nm taking guaiacol as substrate. The total protein content of partially purified enzyme was estimated by Lowry's method (1951) using Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA) as standard. The specific activity laccase enzyme was increased 5 times after partial purification. The results are given in table.

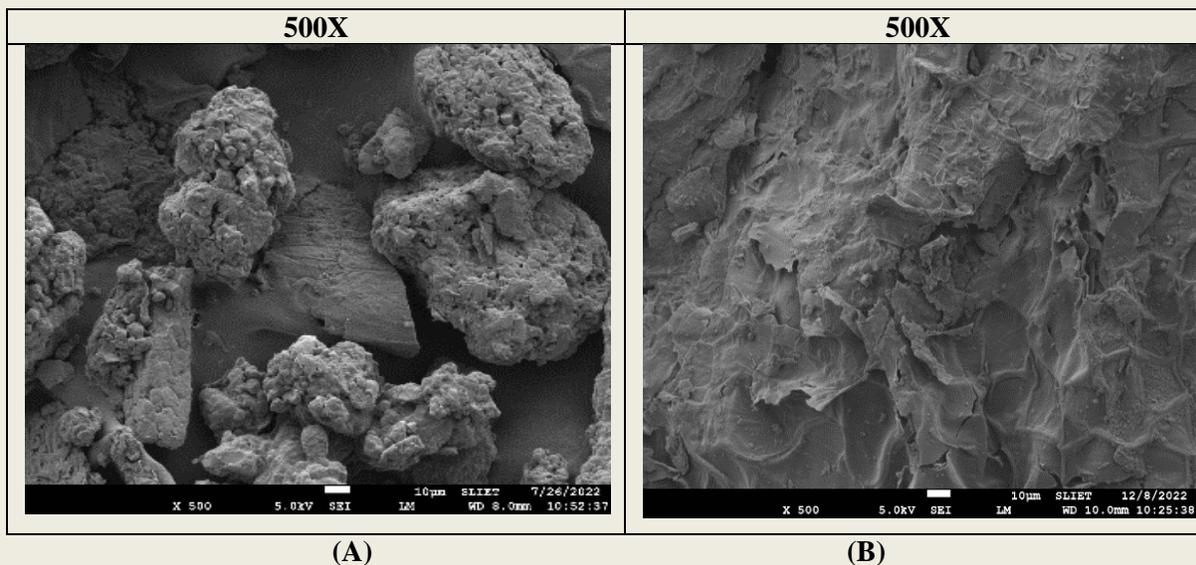
S. No.	Purification step	Laccase Activity (U/gds)	Total protein (mg/ml)	Specific activity (U/mg)
1	Crude enzyme	765.184	102.36	7.47
2	Acetone precipitation	1732.96	44.67	38.79

To determine the pH optima, the enzyme was assayed within a pH range of 2.0–7.0 by using two different buffer systems comprising of 100 mM citrate phosphate buffer (pH 3.0 - 6.0) and 100 mM sodium phosphate buffer (pH 7.0 - 8.0). Temperature optima of enzyme was determined by guaiacol oxidation dissolved in 100 mM citrate phosphate buffer (pH 5.0) at different temperature ranging from 30 to 70°C with an interval of 10°C. The figure given below represents the maximum activity of partial purified laccase enzyme which was observed at 50°C and pH 4.



Temperature and pH optimization of partial purified laccase enzyme

Scanning electron microscopy was performed to study the morphological changes in the de-oiled rice bran after solid state fermentation with *Trametes versicolor* for laccase enzyme production. At 500× magnification, structural deconstruction became visible in the fungi treated de-oiled rice bran. Changes in the surface morphology of the fungi treated de-oiled rice bran is caused by enzymatic hydrolysis due to production of extracellular laccase enzymes by fungi and due to the penetration of fungal mycelia.



(A) Untreated rice straw and (B) treated with *T. versicolor*

Characterization of Kodo millet and buckwheat fractions

- Dr. Manju Bala, Dr. Mridula Devi

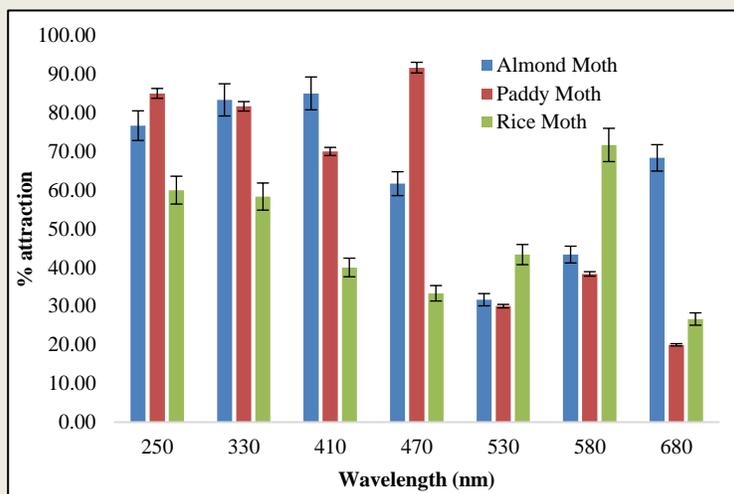
Whole Kodo millet and buckwheat, their kernels and husk have been evaluated for proximate composition and antioxidant potential. Proximate composition of whole millet contained moisture (10.78%), fat (3.28%), protein (7.67%), ash (2.63%) and dietary fibre (25.5%) and remaining 50% represented carbohydrates whereas buckwheat contained moisture (10.94%), fat (3.30%), protein (10.84%), ash (2.03%) and dietary fibre (16.8%) and remaining 55% represented carbohydrates. The husk fraction for both grains is rich in dietary fibre which represented about 80% of hull composition at 8.08% moisture (kodo millet) and 9.40% (buckwheat) moisture content. For kodo millet, the carbohydrate and protein content of kernel was 71.45% and 10.22%, respectively at 11.70% moisture whereas for buckwheat kernel carbohydrate and protein content was 69.97% and 12.07%, respectively at 12.07% moisture. Different fractions have been evaluated for bioactive compounds and their antioxidant potential. In buckwheat, total phenolic content (TPC) of 0.243 g GAE/100g, 0.243 g GAE/100g, 0.358 g GAE/100g while total flavonoid content (TFC) of 0.317 g QE/100g, 0.148 g QE/100g and 0.716 g QE/100g in whole seed, kernel and hull, respectively. DPPH activity of 55.10 mg AAE /100g, 48.183 mg AAE /100g, and 68.62 mg AAE/100g has been

found in whole buckwheat seed, kernel and hull, respectively. Hull has been found to be rich in fibre and phenolic compounds.

Non-chemical management of stored grain moths using flexible light trap

- Dr. Guru PN, Dr. Dhritiman Saha

The experiments were conducted using basic testing chambers. Devices like monochromator (Marutek XM-100®) and spectromaster (Sekonic C-700®) were used for observations. The phototactic behavior of three moths (rice moth, paddy moth and almond moth) was recorded. The paddy moth showed its higher attraction in 470 ± 10 nm followed by 250 and 330 nm. Almond moth responses were mainly in the range of 250 to 410 nm. Later it decreased and recorded good response again at 680 ± 10 nm. The rice moth attraction was mainly at 580 ± 10 nm and was poorly attracted in other ranges. By fluctuating the dependent variables like voltage and intensity, the trapping was optimized. Based on these results, the prototypes were installed in flour mills along with the conventional UV light trap. Light trap fabrication is under progress.



Response of stored grain moths to different coloured lights

Extraction of beta carotene from mango pulp and peel of Banganapalli variety and quantification using HPLC and spectrophotometer

- Dr. Poonam

The laboratory experiment was conducted using single-factor experiments to find the effect of extraction solvent (methanol, ethanol, ethyl acetate, hexane, acetone), extraction temperature (40°C , 50°C , and 60°C), and solid-solvent ratio (1:10, 1:15, 1:20, and 1:30 (g/ml)) on the extraction yield of beta carotene from mango pulp and peel. The quantification of beta carotene was carried out by HPLC as well as the spectrophotometric method. It was observed that the maximum beta carotene yield ($27\ \mu\text{g/g}$) was recorded in the ethanol solvent, followed by methanol

(23 µg/g) solvent from mango peel. In contrast, the maximum beta carotene yield was recorded in methanol solvent (28 µg/g), followed by ethanol (25 µg/g) in the case of mango pulp. The extraction temperature of 50°C showed the highest beta carotene yield in mango peel, whereas the 40°C temperature showed the highest beta carotene from mango pulp. The solid-solvent ratio of 1:20 (g/ml) showed maximum beta carotene yield from mango peel, whereas the ratio of 1:15 (g/ml) showed maximum yield in mango pulp.

Characterization of phenolic extract of immature dried kinnow fruit

- Dr. Mridula D, Dr. Manju Bala, Dr. Deepika Goswami

Characterization of phenolic extract of immature dried kinnow fruit (IDKF) was carried out through LCMS and liquid chromatography. It was observed that highest concentration of sinapic acid (869 mg/100g) was found, followed by 2, 3-dihydroxyl benzoic acid (384.6 mg/100g) and 3-hydroxyl benzoic acid (219.5 mg/100g), p-coumaric acid (177.8 mg/100g) and transferulic acid (164.3 mg/100g). Small quantities of caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, syringic acid, vanillic acid, gallic acid and 4-amino benzoic acid have also been reported. Among flavonoids, kaempferol (65.3 mg/100g), isoquercetin (55.0 mg/100g), catechin hydrate (27.6 mg/100g), quercetin 2.9 mg/100g has been observed. LC-MS results showed presence of anthocyanins, proanthocyanidin B1, hesperidin, naringenin etc.

Biological production of vinegar using syrup waste from osmotic-dehydration of aonla

- Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Dr. RC Kasana

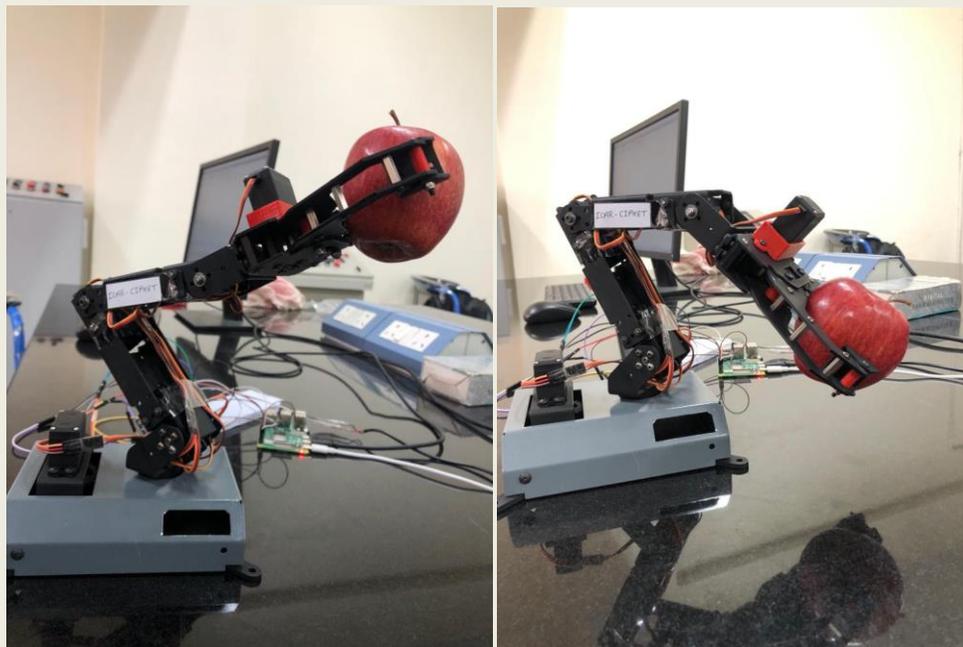
An attempt was made to produce vinegar by converting the syrup waste from osmotic-dehydration of aonla. It was carried out in two steps. First step involved the production of alcohol from syrup waste using yeast and in the second step involved the production of acetic acid by acetic acid bacterium. The syrup waste from osmotic-dehydration of aonla was diluted with water to bring down the TSS to 18-19 °Brix. Fermentation of pasteurized syrup waste from osmotic-dehydration of aonla by yeast at temperature of 30 °C resulted in 10 % alcohol after 6-7 days. In the second step acetic acid fermentation was carried out using locally isolated acetic acid bacterium from rotten kinnow fruit at 10% inoculum which resulted in production of vinegar with 8.1% acetic acid after 22 days of incubation. The vinegar produced from syrup waste from osmotic-dehydration of aonla showed good antimicrobial activity against *Staphylococcus aureus* and *E. coli*. The present study confirm the production of vinegar from syrup waste from osmotic- dehydration of aonla for various food application and as a natural sanitizer that inhibits the growth of pathogenic bacteria.

Robotic arm for apple harvesting

- Er. Shaghaf Kaukab , Dr. Bhupendra M Ghodki

Fabricated mini-robotic attenuator consisting robotic arm with end effector developed at lab level for picking and placing apples under MeitY funded robotic apple harvester project. The developed robotic arm is controlled by raspberry pi and support 5-degree of freedom consisting of elbow,

shoulder, wrist and neck. Gripper has the potential of handling 1-1.5 kg of products softly without damaging. System can operate 10-12 items in 1 min to pick and place.



Robotic arm for apple harvesting

AICRP on PHET

Development of a cocoa conching cum tempering machine (KAU, Tavanur)

The various physical properties of the chocolate mix were estimated based on the standard procedure. The bulk density and moisture content of the chocolate mix were found to be 1237.5 kg/m³ and 0.70%, respectively. The water activity was 0.575 and the colour values viz., L*, a* and b* values were 16.21, 11.25 and 14.49, respectively.

The main ingredients for the preparation of chocolate were cocoa nibs, cocoa butter, sugar, milk powder and vanilla powder. The 17 different combinations of process parameters were obtained using Box Benken Design with the help of Design Expert software. The conching process parameters viz. temperature (60, 70, 80°C), conching time (11, 14, 17 h) and speed of rotation (60, 75, 90 rpm) were optimized based on the quality of the chocolate mix. The dependent parameters were selected are as follows: viscosity, particle size, TSS, pH, moisture content, water activity and ash content. Based on the experimental results 80°C conching temperature, 14 h conching time and 75 rpm grinding chamber were selected as optimized process parameters. Tempering of chocolate is performed to improve the textural characteristics of the chocolate. The three process parameters selected for tempering process were tempering temperature, tempering time and speed of rotation. The optimization of tempering process was done based on the quality parameters of chocolate viz. textural properties of chocolate, colour values etc. based on the experimental studies of selected dependent parameters 29°C tempering temperature, 150 minutes tempering time and

speed of rotation 60 rpm were selected as optimized process parameters. The developed chocolate was compared with KAU chocolate. From the sensory evaluation and chemical analysis it is found that the developed chocolate is on par with KAU chocolate.



Cocoa conching cum tempering machine



Chocolate slab

Mahua stamen remover (OUAT, Bhubaneswar)

Conventionally dried mahua flower is heaped on the cemented floor and beaten by wooden planks followed by winnowing to remove the detached stamen. In the developed machine, stamen is detached from the flower by abrasion & shear imparted by rotating drum, which are then separated by an oscillating screen. The machine consists of a frame, rasp bar mounted cylindrical drum (150 mm dia, 250 mm length), concave assembly, oscillating sieve, 0.5 hp motor and feed hopper. Capacity of the machine is 20 kg/h. the operation is to be carried out at is obtained at 900 rpm cylindrical drum speed, 9.5 mm concave clearance and mahua flower moisture content of 11% for highest stamen removal efficiency.



Mahua stamen remover

Development of a functional probiotic meat product (Khanapara Center)

Pork spread was prepared by the addition of probiotics (*Lactobacillus acidophilus* and *Bifidobacterium animalis*). The meat was cooked along with all the non-meat ingredients and minced into a fine paste. The paste was then divided equally into four groups and pasteurized. The probiotic preparation viz. *Lactobacillus acidophilus* (LA 5) and *Bifidobacterium animalis* (BB 12) procured from Chr- Hansen were added as liquid inoculums to obtain a final concentration of 10^7 - 10^8 cfu/ g in the product. The four groups prepared were- Group 1: Control, Group 2: Meat spread with LA5, Group 3: Meat spread with BB12 and Group 4: Meat spread with combination of LA5 and BB12. After addition of the probiotic preparation, the spread was kept for ripening. After the completion of ripening period, the spread was stored at refrigeration temperature ($4\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$) during which different physico-chemical, proximate, microbiological, sensory evaluation was carried out fortnightly to determine the shelf life of the products.

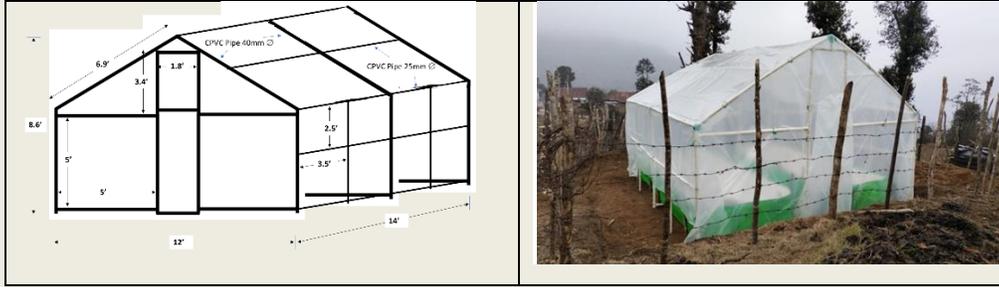
The proximate composition and physico-chemical properties of the probiotic added pork spread was found to be much better than the control group. The microbiological analysis of the pork spread revealed that probiotic added pork spread was found to be better in terms of microbiological profile. No coliform could be detected in the samples during the entire storage period indicating nil contamination. In terms of sensory evaluation, T2 group was found to be best than the other probiotic added spread. The shelf life of the probiotic added pork spread was found to be 42 days at refrigeration temperature.

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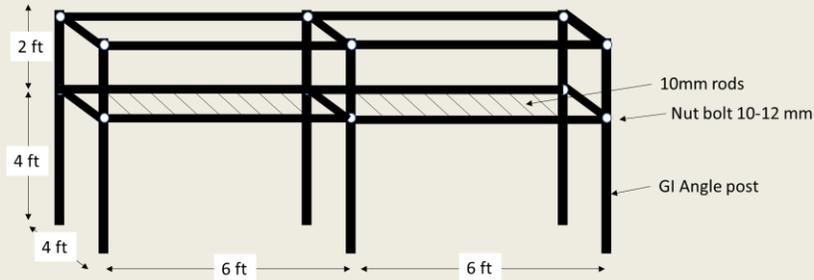
Vermicomposting unit (ICAR-NRCY, Dirang)

Vermicomposting unit for farm waste utilization at high altitude was developed by ICAR-NRCY, Dirang. A plastic based vermi-composting polyhouse unit of size 12 x 14 x 8.6 feet (W x L x H) was fabricated with CPVC pipes (40 mm and 25 mm diameter), GI anchoring pegs (32 mm diameter), CPVC pipe snap clamps (40 mm, 32 mm & 25 mm), CPVC pipe fittings (Tee, Elbow and Union) with modifications and 5layer UV stabilized polyethylene sheet (thickness 200 micron). The fabricated structure was pitched for keeping two-tier HDPE vermi-beds (size 12'x4'x2' each; total 4 beds) for composting of farmyard waste into vermi compost at high altitude cold climate.





Vermi-composting Polyhouse Unit for Composting



Portable GI stands for placing HDPE vermin beds in two tier system

Development of Agrivoltaic Greenhouse System (JAU, Junagadh)

Agrivoltaic Greenhouse System was developed for solving the problem of greenhouse overheating during the summer and low temperature during the winter. One of the major problems faced by the farmers is the significant increase in the price of energy. For a greenhouse size of 12 m length x 6 m arc width, total PV Panels of 36 panels x 150 W (5.40 kW installed capacity) were installed including panel dimension of 1495 x 670 mm (150 W/panel) and Chess Board Pattern design configuration. The design of Agrivoltaic Greenhouse was checked by considering the prevailing loading conditions on the structures like; dead load, imposed loads, installations, wind load and snow and seismic load. The energy generated from the solar panel will be utilized by fan and pad cooling system, irrigation and fertigation. The installation of solar panel on roof may reduce the solar insolation inside the structure.



Fan pad cooling poly house without installation of solar PV panel



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EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- ICAR-CIPHET celebrated Republic Day on 26 Jan, 2023 to honour the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect. On this occasion Dr. Nachiket Kotwaliwale, Director, ICAR-CIPHET, hoisted the tricolour and addressed the staff of the institute. Different cultural and sports activities were organized for staff and their family members after the flag hoisting ceremony.
- National Science Day was celebrated at ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana on 28 Feb, 2023. To commemorate the event, a Lecture cum Interaction meeting was held in the conference hall in collaboration with ISAE Punjab Chapter. Dr. Digvir Jayas, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Lethbridge, Canada was the speaker on this occasion.
- ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana celebrated 'International Women's Day' on 07 Mar, 2023. Two women entrepreneurs Ms. Navnoor Kaur, Founder and CEO, JaggerCane and Ms. Sarabjit Kaur, Owner, Soya Plus were invited as the Guest speaker on this occasion. ICAR-CIPHET, Abohar also celebrated 'International Women's Day' in collaboration with Effort and Crop Life NGO, Abohar. Chief guest of the Program was Dr. Rekha Sood Handa (Principal Gopi Chand Arya Mahila College, Abohar). 250 women participated in the Women's Day programme at Abohar.



Women's Day celebration at ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana



Women's Day celebration at ICAR-CIPHET, Abohar

तिमाही हिंदी कार्यशाला

- दिनांक को संस्थान में तिमाही हिंदी कार्यशाला का 06.01.2022 आयोजन किया गया। राजभाषा विभाग एवं परिषद् की अपेक्षाएँ, हिंदी पुरस्कार के लिए संस्थान के चयन की आवश्यक शर्तें, चुनौतियाँ एवं समाधान ' (राजभाषा) निदेशक, बजे आमंत्रित वक्ता के रूप में श्रीमति सीमा चोपड़ा 5:30-03:30 विषय पर अपराह्न , (सेवानिवृत्त) भाकृ अनुपनई दि -ल्ली ने अपनी प्रस्तुति दी।

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- Dr. Poonam attended ICAR-sponsored Human Resource Management (HRM) training programme on “Tools and Techniques for Analysis of Biomolecules” organized by the Division of Biochemistry, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, during 19-31 Jan, 2023 in online mode.
- Ms. Pragya Singh, Technical Assistant, participated in training programme organized at IIVR, Varanasi on Principles and production techniques of Hybrid of seeds in vegetables during 16-30 Jan, 2023.
- Sh. R.C. Meena, Sh. Kunwar Singh and Sh. Gurdial Singh attended online training regarding entry court cases in LIMBS Portal on 13 Feb, 2023.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Awareness Campaign

- Two days awareness campaign on “Processing of Horticultural Crops” was organized for the students of B.Sc. (Hort.) from PAU, Ludhiana during 11-12 Jan, 2023.



Trainings

Training programme	Duration	Participants
Officers Trainings		
Capacity Building Training Programme of Agricultural Extension Professionals of ATARI Zone III to Promote Agro-Processing	14-16 Feb, 2023	14
Capacity Building of Agricultural Extension Professionals of ATARI Zone-I to Promote Agro-Processing	21-23 Feb, 2023	2
Students Trainings		
Protected Cultivation Technologies	12-16 Jan, 2023	
Farmers Trainings		
Post-Harvest Technology for Agricultural Produce (ATMA, Jalgaon, Maharashtra sponsored)	09-13 Jan, 2023	20
Post-Harvest Technologies and Management of Agricultural Produce (ATMA, Jalgaon, Maharashtra sponsored)	16-20 Jan, 2023	15
Post-Harvest Management of Agricultural Produce (ATMA, Jalgaon, Maharashtra sponsored)	30 Jan-3 Feb, 2023	12
Post-Harvest Management of Agricultural Produce (ATMA, Nandurbar, Maharashtra sponsored)	20-24 Feb, 2023	15
Post-Harvest Technology for Agricultural Produce (ATMA, Wardha, Maharashtra sponsored)	13-17 Mar, 2023	16
Post-Harvest Technology for Agricultural Produce (Distt. Implementation Unit, SMART Project, Nagpur, Maharashtra sponsored)	27-31 Mar, 2023	35
Trainings under SCSP scheme		
Entrepreneurship Development	1-3 Mar, 2023	302
Value Addition of Cereals and Millets for Nutritional Security	13-15 Mar, 2023	50

Visits

College/Institute	No of visitors (students/farmers)	Date of visit
College of Agriculture, Kerala Agricultural University Vellanikkara, Thiruvanthapuram	156 (S) + 8 (O)	2 Mar, 2023
College of Agriculture, Kalaburagi, Raichur	70 (S) + 3 (O)	21 Feb, 2023
Lovely Professional University, Phagwara	28 (S)	16 Feb, 2023
PAMETI, PAU	18 (O)	17 Feb, 2023
PAMETI, PAU	33 (O)	22 Feb, 2023
National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Thanjavur-613005	67 (S) + 2 (O)	28 Feb, 2023
College of Agriculture, Central Agricultural University (Imphal), Pasighat-791102, Arunachal Pradesh	19 (S) + 2 (O)	03 Mar, 2023
Godra, Panchmahals, Gujarat to different facilities of ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana	50+2 (F)	14 Mar, 2023
College of Food Technology, Lamphel, Imphal, Manipur	13 (S) + 2 (O)	10 Mar, 2023
Student Visits to ICAR-CIPHET, Abohar		
Govt. Sen. Sec. School Girls, Abohar	60 (S)	18 Jan, 2023
Govt. Sen. Sec. School, Dhramapura	30 (S)	3 Feb, 2023
Govt. Sen. Sec. Girls School, Abohar	150 (S)	6 Feb, 2023
Govt. Sen. Sec. School, Dangar Khera	50 (S)	8 Feb, 2023
Sen. Sec. School, Abohar	100 (S)	10 Feb, 2023
Govt. Sen. Sec. School, Karam Patti	60 (S)	13 Feb, 2023

***S-Students, O-Officials, F-Farmers**





Student Visits to ICAR-CIPHET, Abohar

Exhibitions

- ICAR-CIPHET attended an exhibition on “International Exhibition on Agriculture Machinery and Dairy Technology” on 20-22 Jan, 2023.



Entrepreneurship Development Programme under Farmer First Project

- FFP Team demonstrated honey processing plant (capacity 25-30 kg/batch) to beekeeper (Mr. Naveent Saini from Pathankot, Punjab) at APC, ICAR-CIPHET



- FFP Team visited Agro-processing center, Khalsa farm, Balachour to monitor the progress under Agro-processing module and to provide technical guidance on processing and packaging of different types of pickles



- FFP team visited Agro-processing center, Pabla Brothers, Bharta Khurd, Rahon to monitor progress of work under Agro-processing module. He was also guided on utilization of by-products for production of cattle feed.



- FFP Team visited and surveyed different roadside jaggery production units on Sirhind-Landran Road and met with different jaggery producers (Mr. Gurdev Singh, Sh. Didar Singh, Sh. Soudagar Singh, Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Mr. Sukhvinder Singh, and Mr. Davinder Singh). The

team interacted with them and discussed about practices adopted by them in sugarcane procurement, sugarcane varieties for production of good quality jaggery, production methods of solid and granular jaggery, market demand etc. The team highlighted the demand of smaller shaped jaggery instead of selling round blocks. The team also guided them to enhance the capacity of hygienic jaggery production through establishment of modern 3-pan furnace heating system.



- FFP Team visited apiary of bee-keeper (Sh. Lakhbir Singh) and monitored the status of work under established honey processing unit at Rahon. The team also guided the beekeeper about some better strategies for retail marketing.



- FFP Team distributed silicon moulds to three Roadside traditional jaggery producers viz. Mr. Gurpal Singh, Mr. Gurpreet Singh and Mr. Amandeep Singh in vill. Rahon, Punjab in order to enhance the production of small cubical and candy shaped jaggery. They were also technically

guided about good manufacturing practices for production of good quality jaggery under hygienic conditions.



KVK ACTIVITIES

Awareness Program

- District level awareness program was organized on 31 Jan, 2023 at *Dana Mandi*, Fazilka under the Crop Residue Management Project of KVK with collaboration of Agriculture Department, District Fazilka. In this program, 110 farmers participated.



Trainings

- Three-day training program on “Value Addition of Clothes through Tie and Dye” from 6 to 8 Feb, 2023 at *Krishi Vigyan Kendra*, Fazilka in collaboration of ATMA Deptt. of Fazilka.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Dr. Renu Balakrishnan attended International Extension Education Conference on “Innovative Applications in Agricultural Extension for Sustainable Food & Environmental Security” during 27-30 Jan, 2023 organized by Department of Agricultural Extension & Communication, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.
- Ms. Surya Tushir attended 63rd Annual International Conference of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI) on “Microbial Technologies for Sustainable Biosphere” from 2-4 Feb, 2023 held at MDU, Rohtak, Haryana.
- Dr. Ramesh Chand Kasana attended 63rd Annual International Conference of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI) on “Microbial Technologies for Sustainable Biosphere” from 2-4 Feb, 2023 held at MDU, Rohtak, Haryana.
- Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Pr. Scientist and Head of HCP Division attended seminar on Crop Residue Management and Agricultural Machinery Fair at Sanehwal (Ludhiana) on 20 Jan, 2023.
- Sh. Mahesh Kumar Samota attended a seminar on “Application of Drone Technology in Agriculture” on 21 Jan, 2023 at Exhibition Center Sanehwal, Ludhiana.
- Dr. BM Ghodki attended (online) Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of ICAR-NePPA Project during 10-11 Jan, 2023 organized at ICAR-CIFRI, Kolkata.
- Dr. Rahul K Anurag acted as Member Advisor attended Final Viva-Voce examination of Ms. Manisha Patil M.Sc. student Food & Nutrition, Department of Food & Nutrition, PAU, Ludhiana on 3 Jan, 2023.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Dr. BM Ghodki received the prestigious Award (certificate) of Young Research in Agricultural Structures & Process Engineering category in Agricultural Sciences discipline Conferred During 9th Venus International Research Awards (VIRA 2023) & 9th Annual Research Meet – ARM 2023 (7 Jan 2022; Chennai, India).
- Dr. Renu Balakrishnan, Dr. Sandeep Mann, Dr. Arvind Kumar and Mr. Rajiv Sharma received Best Presentation Award for paper titled “Constraints Faced by End Users in Adoption of Post-Harvest Technologies” at the International Extension Education Conference on “Innovative Applications in Agricultural Extension for Sustainable Food & Environmental Security” during 27-30 Jan, 2023 organized by Department of Agricultural Extension & Communication, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.

- Dr. Guru P. N. secured the Young Achiever Award-2022 given by SADHNA Society (Society for advancement of human and nature) of Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan- 173230, Himachal Pradesh, India.
- डॉ. दीपिका गोस्वामी को प्रसंस्करण प्रगति-अर्धवार्षिक राजभाषा पत्रिका के लिए नगर राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति, लुधियाना स्तर पर सर्वोत्तम निष्पादन के लिए राजभाषा पत्रिका पुरस्कार प्राप्त हुआ।
- नगर राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति, लुधियाना द्वारा संस्थान की प्रसंस्करण प्रगति पत्रिका को 9 जनवरी 2023 को पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया।

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Commercial Test Reports

Machine Tested	Industry
SS Pulverizer 5 hp	M/s Pitrukhaya Engg. Co., Rajkot (Gujarat)
	M/s Jay Khodiyar Industries, Rajkot (Gujarat)
	M/s Balaji Electricals, Rajkot (Gujarat)
SS Pulverizer 3 hp	M/s Jay Khodiyar Industries, Rajkot (Gujarat)
	M/s Balaji Electricals, Rajkot (Gujarat)
SS Pulverizer 2 hp	M/s Jay Khodiyar Industries, Rajkot (Gujarat)
	M/s Balaji Electricals, Rajkot (Gujarat)
	M/s Balaji Electricals, Rajkot (Gujarat)
	M/s Pitrukhaya Engg. Co., Rajkot (Gujarat)
Flour Mill 1 hp	M/s Pitrukhaya Engg. Co., Rajkot (Gujarat)
	M/s Jay Khodiyar Industries, Rajkot (Gujarat)
	M/s Balaji Electricals, Rajkot (Gujarat)

PATENT GRANTED

Application No.	Title	Date of filing	Patent No. & Date of grant	Inventors
201911036120	Process for Preparation of Fat Free Flavoured <i>Makhana</i>	7 Sep, 2019	Patent no. 420645 6 Feb, 2023	Dr. Mridula Devi, Dr. R.K. Vishwakarma Dr. Ranjeet Singh, Dr. R.K. Singh, Dr. S.N. Jha

TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

Technology	Firm	Date of licensing
Process for Preparation of Fat Free Flavoured <i>Makhana</i> (Patent no.:420645)	M/s Veganor Healthcare LLP P. I. T Colony L2/11, Near Jaleshwar Mahadev Mandir, Kankarbagh, Patna - 800020, Bihar	20 Jan, 2023
Process Technology for Preparation of Rice Bran Protein	M/s HAUCH Ecovations Pvt. Ltd. Sector 32-A, Chandigarh road, Ludhiana, Punjab-141010	13 Feb, 2023
Mechanized System for Popping and Decortications of <i>Makhana</i> Seeds (Patent Application No. - 674/DEL/2013)	M/s Agrofarm Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Khalil Mansion, Ward No- 31, Saharsa Basti, Saharsa. Bihar – 852202	14 Feb, 2023
Mechanized System for Primary Roasting of Raw <i>Makhana</i> Seeds and Process Thereof (Patent Application No. -202011037651)		14 Feb, 2023

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Dr. Ramesh Chand Kasana, Principal Scientist	25.01.2023	Head (Act.), Agricultural Structure and Environment Control Division
Dr. Ranjeet Singh Principal Scientist	25.01.2023	Head (Act.), Automation & Sensor Technology Division
Dr. Ramesh Kumar Principal Scientist	25.01.2023	Head (Act.), Horticultural Crop Processing Division, Abohar

