

College of FPTBE College of Food Processing Technology & Bio-energy, Anand Agricultural University, Anand has successfully organized a Webinar on “Nurturing Entrepreneurship in Food and Agro-processing (NEFA-2021)” on 16-01-2020 under the RAFTAR Agri Business Incubator Project of Ministry of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers’ welfare being operated at the College.

Under the guidance of Dr. R. F. Sutar, Principal and Dean, College of FPTBE, the organization and co-ordination were under taken by Dr H Pandey, Co-PI, RABI, Dr. A K Sharma and Dr. A K Nema organising committee member with help of staff of R-ABI project. The webinars were organized using zoom application with live streaming on YouTube channel of College of Food Processing Technology and Bio-Energy, Anand Agricultural University with technical facilities provided from Director of Information Technology and his team.

The first lecture in of the webinar was delivered by Dr. Digvir Singh Jayas, Vice President Research and International, University of Manitoba, Canada, on “Entrepreneurship Opportunities in Food Industry, Post Covid. It was followed by Dr. S N Jha, ADG (Process Engineering) ICAR New Delhi who enlightened the participant by “Nurturing Entrepreneurship in Food and Agro- Processing - A Self Experienced Success Story”. Dr. R T Patil, Former Director CIPHET Ludhiana deliberated on “Entrepreneurship in Processing Sector to Increase Farmer’s Income”

Dr. R. F. Sutar, Principal and Dean, College of FPTBE welcome the participants and informed them about various activities and scheme for entrepreneurship running at College of FPTBE. Dr. R V. Vyas, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor inaugurated the webinar and during his inaugural address highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship and cottage level industries citing example of an IT professional doing organic farmer and grouping farmers to sell their product. He emphasized on developing village level entrepreneurship among farmers and farmer groups. This may lead to goal of doubling the farmers income by atmanirbhar bharat when farmers will be able sell their crop online.

About, 285 participants registered for the webinars including participants from industry &

academia from various organisations including OUAT, Orissa, Tezpur University, Assam, IICPT Thanjavur, IIT Kharagpur, NIFTEM, Kundli, , MPUAT, Udaipur, GKVK, Bangalore, JAU

Junagadh, NAU, Navsari, SDAU, Dantiwada, AAU, Anand, Gopi Dehydrates, Agastya Naturals, Ruchi Foods, HK Foods, Blush Wellness Clinic, Parle Biscuits etc to name few.

Some of the glimpses of the event are as follows:

