

# **Five-Day Advanced Entrepreneurship Skill Development Program on Drying and Dehydration**

College of Food Processing Technology and Bioenergy, Anand Agricultural University, Anand hosted a Five-Days Advanced Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme under Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME), Government of India on topic “Drying and Dehydration” from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. The training aimed to facilitate participants with advanced skills and knowledge in drying and dehydration to enhance their entrepreneurial capabilities. There were 20 participants from Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Karnataka as well as from Gujarat who actively participated in the program.

The program delved deep into the intricate processes of drying and dehydration, emphasizing drying and dehydration importance in food preservation and value addition. The participants were exposed to cutting-edge techniques and technologies that are revolutionizing drying and dehydration. The participants gained practical insights into the entrepreneurial aspects of food processing through interactive theoretical sessions followed by hands-on during training. The training was envisaged in a way so that participant can learn, how to identify market opportunities, develop innovative products, test the product and create sustainable business models in the competitive market environment.

During the five-day program, participants engaged in a series of lectures and hands-on training sessions. They learned about the latest trends in drying and dehydration technologies, as well as the best practices for ensuring product quality and safety. There was session of opportunity for entrepreneur, under which information about different schemes for entrepreneurs were discussed such as Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Enterprise (PMFME), National Horticulture Mission, Agricultural Infrastructure Fund and MSME schemes. The program featured expert speakers and industry professionals who shared their insights and experiences in the field of food processing like Twin Engineers Pvt. Ltd., Baroda.

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# Glimpses of Training Programme

