

**Ministry of MSME, Government of India supported Advanced Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Program Series on Canning, Bakery Product Development and Extrusion completed at College of Food Processing Technology & Bio Energy, Anand Agricultural University, Anand.**

The College of Food Processing Technology & Bio Energy at Anand Agricultural University, Anand, successfully concluded its 5-day Advanced Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Program, supported by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Government of India. The program, focusing on Canning, Bakery Product Development, and Food Extrusion, commenced on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and concluded on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

A total of 63 enthusiastic participants from diverse regions of Gujarat and neighboring states such as Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Telangana took part in the program.

The inauguration ceremony, held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, was graced by the esteemed presence of Dr. Samit Dutta, Principal, and Dean of the College of FPT & BE, AAU Anand. Dr. Hridyesh Pandey, Head of the FPT Department, led as the program coordinator, along with the valuable support from co-coordinators Dr. Anurag Nema, Dr. Suresh R. Bhise, Dr. R. B. Modi and training coordinator Dr. Neha Kharkwal. Their meticulous planning ensured that participants derived maximum benefit from the program.

Throughout the duration of the program, participants engaged in various enriching activities, including lectures and visits to prominent industry establishments such as the **Amul Mogar Plant** and **Bakers n Crackers** bakery in Jitodiya. Additionally, they received hands-on training tailored to their respective categories, utilizing the state-of-the-art facilities available at the college.

The program aimed to equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to venture into entrepreneurial endeavors within the food processing industry. By fostering innovation and refining practical skills, it aspired to contribute to the growth and development of the food processing sector in the region.

Such initiatives play a pivotal role in nurturing talent and fostering entrepreneurship, ultimately contributing to the socio-economic advancement of the nation. Some of the glimpses of the program are as follows:





