## DuPont NutriScholars Awards – Team from SMC College of Dairy Science bags First Prize in "4PM Healthy Snacks Category"

DuPont Nutrition & Health announced the third edition of its pan India Food Science Program titled 'DuPont NutriScholars Awards' (DNA) in the month of September, 2020. The DuPont NutriScholars Award ran in two phases ending September 15 and November 26 this year respectively.

This competition featured four distinctive award categories for the 'High Protein Vegetarian Meals' viz. Nutritious Breakfast, QSR style Lunch & Dinner, Healthy Desserts & Indulgence and 4pm Savory Snacks. The first phase saw 171 applications out of which 20 teams were selected. For Phase 2 evaluation, a three-step assessment for the sensorial qualities, report and presentation elements- was judged by a panel, both internal DuPont and Eminent Chefs to decide the winner from among the 20 teams. Product innovativeness, potential to be successful in commercial market and technical skills used in product development laid the foundation for selection of best food designs across all four categories.

The winners and runners-up for each category of DNA 2020 were declared at the virtual award ceremony on 11th December 2020. The team from SMC College of Dairy Science was selected as the winner of the '4pm Healthy Snacks Category'. The winning project title was "Crackly mung crispies". The winning team in this category received a prize of Rs. 50,000/- INR. The team members were Dr. Suneeta Pinto (Mentor), Ms. Mahima Malik (Team leader), Mr. Badrish Rawal and Mr. Harshil Bhatt, students of 4<sup>th</sup> Semester B.Tech. Dairy Technlogy.

