

Workshop Report

Workshop On

EDIBLE MUSHROOM CULTIVATION FOR SELF EMPLOYMENT OF RURAL POPULATION

February 22nd - 23rd, 2018

Inaugural Function

Department of Microbiology, Bharathidasan University Tiruchirappalli organized two days' workshop on **Edible Mushroom Cultivation for Self-Employment of Rural Population** for farmers, self-help group women, students and unemployed youth conducted during 22 and 23 February 2018, sponsored by DST – PURSE Programme.



Dr. N. Thajuddin, Professor and Head, Workshop Convenor, Inaugurated the workshop and motivated the farmers, self-help group women's, students, and unemployed youth about the importance and innovation of mushroom cultivation technology

Theme of Workshop

Mushroom cultivation is a new investment opportunities for the weaker sections, so that they can start their business on a small-scale level with techno -economical methods utilizing their rural level resources in a very effective manner. High number of human population also means potential market. As we know that mushroom food industry is in its inception stage. The future will demand a strong mushroom food industry in the Nation and will call for added strength in food science and technology. The mushroom workshop will be helpful to the rural population to start small scale, large scale mushroom production as self-employment of farmers, self-help group women's, students, and unemployed youth. The participants are trained for preparation of spawn, mushroom, bed, design & infrastructure of Oyster mushroom production farm, pest & disease management, harvesting, preparation of

mushroom, marketing of mushroom in local market, retailer, export market and mushroom recipes.

Mushroom Bed Preparation



Participants are sterilizing the paddy straw for mushroom bed preparation, spreading sterilized paddy straw for partial drying and making paddy straw role for mushroom bed preparation.

Participates of Mushroom Workshop

A total of 60 participants (40 female and 20 male candidates) belongs to Tiruverambur, Vellakallpatti, Kattur, Kulathur, Malaioor, Papanasam, Kumbakonam, Tiruvanaikovil, Senjeri, Budalur, Lalgudi, and Thittakudi, Kunnam regions of the five districts of Tiruchirappalli, Thanjavure, Pudukottai, Perambalur and Cuddalore respectively had participated in the workshop. The natures of participants attended in the workshop were farmers 20%, self-help group women's 25%, self employed 15%, unemployed youth 25%, and students 15%.

Valedictory Function and Certificates Distribution



On valediction of the workshop, Dr. M. Ravichandran, Professor and Head, Syndicate Member and Director of Bharadhidasan School of Management cherished and acknowledged that Bharathidasan University Tiruchirappalli organizes programmes and workshops for the enhancement of economically backward population in the society and also provided the certificates for all the participants. Farmers and self-help group women had encouraged and provided with free mushroom spawn seeds for immediate cultivation and marketing of the mushroom. Travel allowance and lunch had also been provided for the participants for two days. Dr. D. Dhanasekaran, Organizing Secretary sincerely acknowledged the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. Manisankar and Registrar Prof. G. Gopinath, DST-PURSE Programme for financial support and successful completion of workshop.