

## **Skill Development Training on Processing and Value-Addition of Cereals under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) at ICAR-CIPHET Ludhiana**

A three days Skill Development Training on Processing and Value-Addition of Cereals under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP), GoI was conducted from 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020 at ICAR-CIPHET Ludhiana. The programme was inaugurated on 25<sup>th</sup> November in the presence of I/c Director, ICAR-CIPHET, Dr. R.K. Singh and Sarpanch S. Brijender Singh of Malakpur village, Ludhiana. Dr. R. K. Singh briefed the CIPHET technologies and facilities available at the institute to the participants. He also motivated the young participants to start small processing facility for enhancement of their income. Nodal Officer, SCSP plan informed about the scheme and its benefits. Dr. Mridula D., Head (Act.) FG&OP Division and Coordinator of this training program explained the importance and technological coverage of the days program to the participants. A total of 15 participants from weaker section of the society provided hands-on training and series of lectures on Processing and Value Addition of Cereals. The hands-on training was provided for milling of cereals, value added products such as nutritious functional flour, value added products from wheat, barley, popped maize and sorghum and bakery products such as gluten free muffins were prepared by the participants. On the occasion the participants were given a kit comprised of processing hand tool and the value added products, developed during the training. A training manual entitled 'Processing and Value-Addition of Cereal' was also released and distributed to the participants for knowledge sharing. The program was coordinated by Dr. Swati Sethi, Dr. Mridula D and Dr. Ranjeet Singh. It was assured to the participants that all possible help will be extended from ICAR-CIPHET for establishment of small scale processing unit and start-ups. The program was concluded on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

