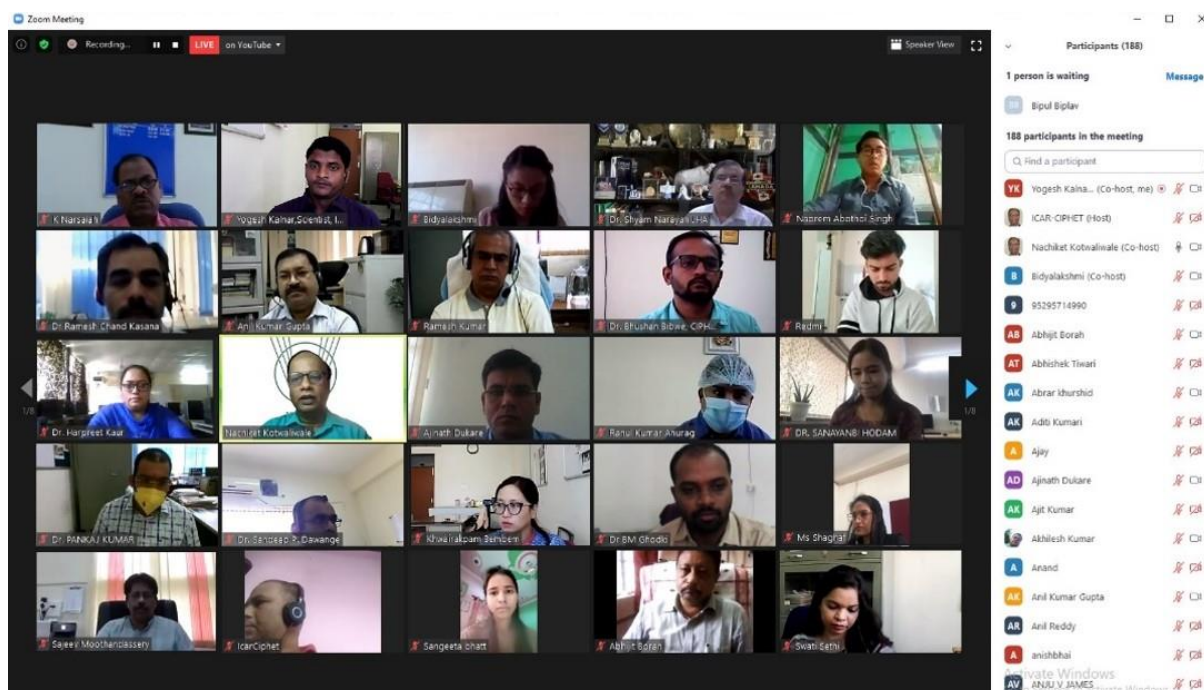


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Online training programme on “Post-Harvest Management of Agricultural Produce during Natural Calamities/Disasters”



A three days online training programme on “Post-Harvest Management of Agricultural Produce during natural calamities/disasters” was ended on 21st October, 2020 at ICAR-Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology, Ludhiana. This training programme was jointly organized by ICAR-Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana and National Institute of Disasters Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI, New Delhi. The purpose of the training program was to create awareness among the participants regarding post-harvest management of agricultural produce in times of disasters/calamities or pandemic. Dignitaries present in the inaugural session were Dr. S.N. Jha, ADG (Process Engineering), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. Nachiket Kotwaliwale, Director, ICAR-CIPHET Ludhiana. The conveners of this training programme are Dr. K. Narsaiah from ICAR-CIPHET and Prof. Anil K. Gupta from NIDM. The coordinators are Dr. Th. Bidyalakshmi Devi and Er. Yogesh Bhaskar Kalnar, Scientists from ICAR-CIPHET and Dr. Sanayanbi Hodam from NIDM. There were around 300 participants for the training program from different part of the country and abroad.

Online training program was inaugurated on 19th October 2020 by Dr. S.N. Jha, ADG (Process Engineering), ICAR, New Delhi and he delivered the talk about the new strategies to be developed in food production & processing which is useful to combat the disaster/pandemic. Dr. Nachiket Kotwaliwale, Director, ICAR-CIPHET elaborated the effect of Natural Calamities/ disease attack on post-harvest quality of agricultural produce. Distinguished speakers Dr. Indra Mani, HoD, Division of Agil Engg., ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, talked about the role of Agricultural Engineering in addressing the natural calamities/ pandemics. Different strategies to be evolved in post-harvest handling and management of agricultural produce to combat disasters was explained by Dr. K Narsaiah, HoD (Act.) AS & EC Division, ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana.