REPORT ON THE TWO-DAY WORKSHOP ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCESSING, VERMICOMPOST & MUSHROOM CULTIVATION

Organized by: Research and Development Cell in collaboration with IQAC, Bapujee College, Sarukshetri
Dates: 6th May (Wednesday) & 7th May (Thursday), 2026
Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Venue: Auditorium, Bapujee College, Sarukshetri

Overview

A comprehensive two-day workshop focused on agricultural innovation and startup opportunities was successfully held at Bapujee College. Organized by the Research and Development (R&D) Cell in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), the program was designed for students, alumni, faculty, farmers, and aspiring entrepreneurs. The event saw enthusiastic participation from **44 students from various institutes**. The initiative aimed to equip attendees with hands-on training and insights into government schemes and funding for agri-startups.

Inaugural Session

The event commenced with a formal inaugural ceremony. Dr. Khagen Das, Principal of Bapujee College, officially inaugurated the workshop by lighting the ceremonial lamp, delivering an address on the importance of self-reliance and entrepreneurship in agriculture. The session featured introductory remarks and objective-setting by key organizing members, including R&D Cell Chairperson Dr. Mukul Kr Sharma, R&D Cell Co-ordinator Dr. Shiva Rao, and IQAC Co-ordinator Mr. Chinmoy Raj Saikia.

Technical and Practical Sessions

The core sessions were led by a distinguished panel of resource persons from the College of Horticulture and FSR, Lokhopur, Nalbari. The workshop was structured into specific domains to provide focused, experiential learning:

- **Day 1 (May 6, 2026) – Hosted by Dr. Ratul Das:**
  - **Domain 1: Entrepreneurship Development:** Led by **Dr. Himadri Sekhar Dutta** (Associate Professor, Dept. of Fruit Science). This session explored different avenues of entrepreneurship in agriculture and educated participants on available government schemes and funding for agri-startups.
  - **Domain 2: Mushroom Cultivation:** Led by **Dr. Joyarani Pegu** (Associate Professor, Dept. of Plant Protection). This segment focused on the scope of mushroom cultivation as a startup. It included hands-on training in spawn production and strategies for marketing local mushroom products.
- **Day 2 (May 7, 2026) – Hosted by Mr. Konseng Baruah:**
  - **Domain 3: Food and Beverage Processing:** Led by **Dr. Bornali Gogoi** (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Fruit Science). Participants were guided through practical methods and commercial techniques for processing food and beverages.
  - **Domain 4: Vermicompost:** Led by **Dr. Manashi Chakraborty** (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Natural Resource Management). This session detailed the production methods of vermicompost and established crucial marketing linkages for selling the final product.

Conclusion

The workshop was meticulously planned and executed by the Workshop Convenor, Mr. Konseng Baruah, alongside the dedicated faculty members of Bapujee College. The seamless integration of expert theoretical knowledge with dedicated practical sessions on both days created a highly impactful learning experience. The event concluded with the distribution of Participation Certificates, successfully fostering a spirit of innovation and practical entrepreneurship among the 44 participating students.

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