

## **Ten days training program on One District One Product**

Awantipora April 14: Ten days training program on One District One Product (ODOP) for Fruit and Vegetables for Horticulture Development Officers from Department of Horticulture and officers from Department of Horticulture, Planning & Marketing J & K was held w.e.f. 5<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 in Department of Food Technology IUST Awantipura. Six officers from Jammu division and twelve from Kashmir division were trained for the implementation of ODOP Scheme. During the training the trainees were exposed to food processing machinery and their functioning, product development, DPR formulation and Food Safety and Quality Control by the resource persons from food industry/IUST and SKUAST-K.

The program was inaugurated on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 with welcome note by Er.Tariq Ahmad Ganai. Dean Academic affairs Prof A.M.Shah highlighted the importance of industry viz-a-viz branding. Prof H R Naik Dean Research emphasized on continuous follow up of new industrial units to be established under ODOP scheme. Director Agriculture Kashmir, Mr Iqbal Chaudhary, who was the chief guest highlighted the availability of raw material for food industry and prevention of post harvest losses. Dean SoET, Prof A H Moon laid emphasis on utilization of IUST infrastructure for development of Industry. Mr Syed



Jahangir Hashmi, State Nodal Officer, PMFME, J&K briefed about the PMFME scheme, its implementation and role of partner Institutes. The inaugural program concluded with vote of thanks by Dr Darakshan Majid, Master trainer for PMFME scheme and highlighted the key features of scheme.

During the training, the trainees were facilitated with Industrial Visit to lassipora, Anantnag and SKUAST-K, wherein they interacted with food processing industry, CA Stores and Walnut Processing experts. The trainees interacted for different requirements of training to implement the scheme properly. Various issues were raised by the officers trainees during interactions which were deliberated upon to take them to the logical conclusion. It was further discussed that a mechanism should be put in place for a hassle-free and smooth transfer of technologies to the stakeholders.

The event ended with a vote of thanks by Dr S V Bhat, Department of Food Technology to the delegates.