

National Workshop and Exhibition on

'Organic Urban Farming: Entrepreneurial Opportunities and Challenges'

Date: 27th – 28th January, 2023

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2. List of Resource Person/ Guests:

- 1. Mr. Anand Mani Tripathi, Aryavarta Organics Pvt. Ltd.
- 2. Mr. Abhishek Jain, EMRI Green Health Services Pvt. Ltd.
- 3. Mr. Anand Mani Shukla, Amritansh Organics Pvt. Ltd.
- 4. Ms. Shyama Verma, Kitchen Garden Association.
- 5. Mr. Prateek Tiwari, Living Greens.
- 6. Mr. Shubhendu Das, Access Developm ent Service.



3. Geotagged photograph of the event:







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4. Attendance Sheet:

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Report: National Workshop & Exhibition on Urban Organic Farming Entrepreneurial Opportunities & Challenges

Urban farming is the practice of cultivating, processing and distributing food in or around urban areas. It can provide fresh locally grown produce, create green spaces in the city and offer entrepreneurship opportunities. Starting an urban farm can be a rewarding and challenging entrepreneurial endeavour. Due to the rising concerns related to chemical farming, there is a growing interest in organic farming, particularly in an urban setting.

In this context, a National Workshop and Exhibition on 'Entrepreneurial Prospects and Challenges of Urban Organic Farming' organised on 27 and 28 January 2023 under the joint aegis of International Society for Life Sciences and Center for Nutrition Sciences, University of Rajasthan and Kanoria PG Mahila Mahavidyalaya to motivate cultivation of organic produce in urban farms, such as backyard gardens, rooftop gardens and vertical farms. It focused on business models, funding, marketing and sales with emphasis on home waste management and hands-on training session.

Inaugural session started with the lamp lightening by all the dignitaries, Principal, Dr. Seema Agrawal, Secretary, Vimal Kumar Bhatia, Prof. Ashok Kumar, President, International Society for Life Sciences, Mr. George Cheriyan, Director, CUTS and Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Mentor and Chief Editor, Hello Kisaan.





The session continued with the welcome of dignitaries. **Principal, Dr. Seema Agrawal** gave the welcome note by focusing on the brainstorming session of the workshop. She talked about the uniqueness of the workshop as this will give the participants ideas about start-ups using Urban Organic Farming. All were encouraged to be an entrepreneur. She also enlightened about the

importance of organic farming nowadays. She also gave information on how we can get rid of certain malignant diseases and infectious diseases using organic products. She also talked about the



International Society of Life Sciences and their inputs towards scientific growth. The achievement and important steps of this organisation were also discussed.

The session continued with the introduction of workshop by the **Organising Secretary, Dr. Ritu Jain.** She started with a quote of Mahatma Gandhi. She talked about the significance explaining the need for conducting this workshop. She also mentioned economic urban centres situated all over the country. She discussed about unlimited need of humans to be fulfilled with locally grown products



using organic farming. She said that these foods and vegetables will provide good health and nutrition to humans. Besides this will also help in maintaining biodiversity and to reduce soil pollution that occurs in conventional farming.



Mr. Mukesh Gupta, Keynote Speaker, enlightened the session with the few aspects of organic farming. He focused on the needs of this farming in the present scenario of low land & various health issues & growing food demand, pesticide contamination & lifestyle, root causes of various diseases in India were mentioned as the use of pesticides contaminates food and milk products.

He also talked about the Chinese culture of auctioning "Burial Plots". He talked about vertical and landscape farming also and called them the basis of organic farming. He talked about Jaipur organic farm culture, where the requirement of water is less for cultivating organic ones comparative to conventional ones. Jaipur can be a good centre for urban farming providing a good basis to entrepreneurs for their startups. This workshop will help to remove the constraints related to the initiation of organic farming. He also suggested top 10 vegetables which can be easily grown in Jaipur. He concluded with all positive aspects of organic farming over conventional one.



The session was further continued with the gracious presence of Eminent Chief Guest, Mr. Pratap Singh Khachariyawas, Cabinet Minister, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Rajasthan. He enlightened the gathering with his words of wisdom. He talked about the fruitfulness of Urban Farming which is being supported by certain governmental



organisations. He concluded with information on how one can get help from government bodies for their urban organic farming projects.



The session continued with encouraging words of **Special Guest, Mr. George Cheriyan**. He mentioned the significance of organic farming. He also talked about the green revolution in our country in context to food production. He said that food grain production has been increased 4 times in recent years. Indiscriminate use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides are the main reasons for

starting Urban Organic Farming as they are deteriorating our agricultural framework. He introduced the national programme of agriculture. He concluded with an idea of connecting urban organic farming with solid waste management.

Guest of Honor Prof. Ashok Kumar further continued the session with his valuable words. He gave his insight about the importance and need of organic farming. He also gave ideas for entrepreneurship.







Presidential address was given by **Prof. Rajiv Jain, Vice-Chancellor, University of Rajasthan,** Jaipur.

He started his talk with wide use and application of organic farming. He talked about various start-ups and focussed on innovations in organic farming. He concluded with the fruitfulness of this topic. Session successfully completed with the vote of thanks by Dr. Richa Chaturvedi, Co-organising Secretary.

Technical Session-I started with invited talk of **Mr. Anand Mani Tripathi, Founder & CEO, Aryavarta Organics Pvt. Ltd.** on the topic 'Need of Organic Urban Farming'. In his session, he explained Urban Farming and its benefits in the present scenario. He emphasised that organic farming is the best way for a sustainable and holistic development.





The second invited talk was by Mr. Abhishek Jain, Data Analyst, EMRI Green Health Services Pvt. Ltd. on the topic 'Opportunities and Technology available for Urban Farming'. In his talk, he focused on initiation of startups like installation of modular vegetable garden on rooftop, growing and selling microgreens, flowers etc., developing Hydroponics, Aquaponics, Vertical garden/ farms, Consultancy

agency and data collection of start-ups initiated. He said that we should always remain connected to nature for better mental health and a good happiness index.



Technical Session-II started with Hands-on-Training by Mr. Anand Mani Shukla, Founder & CEO, Amritansh Organics Pvt. Ltd. on the topic 'Microgreens'. In the session, he explained about microgreen, their health benefits. Then he demonstrated the step-by-step process for growing microgreens, materials and nutritional requirements and their harvesting.





The second Hands-on-Training session was by Ms. Shyama Verma, Ex. President, Kitchen Garden Association on the topic 'Tray Gardening and Ornamental Plants'. She briefly explained the various activities conducted by the Kitchen Garden Association. She demonstrated the making of a very beautiful and creati ve Tray Garden which was appreciated by all dignitaries and participants.

On 28th January, 2023 the second day of the workshop started with Technical Session-III, Hands-on-Training by Mr. Prateek Tiwari, Founder & CEO, Living Greens on Topic - 'Rooftop Farming'. He explained the concept of converting the rooftop to an organic farm. In Urban areas, rooftops are unutilized spaces available which if converted to organic farms will not only



have health benefits but will also help in sequestering carbon dioxide from air, reducing global warming and will generate employment for the youth. He demonstrated the rooftop farming pack which comprises Portable Farming pack, organic input kit and plant doctor programme.





The second Hands-on-Training was by **Mr. Shubhendu Das**, Vice-President, Access Development Service on 'Waste Management and Composting', in which he demonstrated the process of compost formation with the help of food waste generated in our kitchen.

Technical Session-III was followed by a Panel Discussion with Dr. Seema Agrawal, Mr. Shubhendu Das, Mr. Anand Mani Shukla and Mr. Pratik Tiwari chaired the session. The session was very interactive with many discussions regarding the Urban Farming concepts.





Valedictory session was chaired by Chief Guest Mr.

Zubair Khan, Chairman (State Minister status accorded), Mewat Regional Development Board,
Rural Development Department, Government of
Rajasthan, Jaipur. Special Guest, Prof. Nimali
Singh, Syndicate Member, University of Rajasthan,
Jaipur, Director, Centre for Nutrition Sciences,
University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, Guest of Honour

Prof. P.J. John, Director, PG School of Life Sciences, Co-ordinator, ECH - Incubation Centre & Chief Co-ordinator E-Yuva, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur and Prof. Ashok Kumar, President ISLS, Dr. Seema Agrawal, Principal, Kanoria PG Mahila Mahavidyalaya and **Dr. Hemant Pareek, Secretary, ISLS** presided over the function. The welcome speech was delivered by Dr. Seema Agrawal.





Prof. P.J. John in his speech congratulated for the success of the workshop and said that we must think out of the box do utilise the limited space for urban farming and reduce pesticide loaded food consumption.

Prof. Nimali Singh in her speech congratulated the college for the workshop and students for their participation.





Dr. Hemant Pareek in his speech illustrated the anticancer campaign by ISLS and he also said that to prevent cancer nutritious food is necessary and this can be made possible by Urban Organic Farming.

The prize distribution was followed by speech by Chief Guest, Mr. Zubair Khan. He talked about the relevance of Urban Farming in today's scenario. He said that there is difference in the quality and taste of organic and chemical farming products. Due to consumption of pesticide rich food, cases of diabetes, cancer and heart attack are increasing. He assured that he would try to subsidise Urban organic farming and promote urban farming at the state level.







Prof. Ashok Kumar, in his speech spoke about the concept of Urban Farming which may lead to Green City & sustainable ecosystem and environment. Prof. Ashok Kumar's speech was followed by prize distribution for ISLS Volunteers for Conference held by ISLS 2022 - XII Annual Meeting of ISLS-International Conference on Impact of Environment, Food & Nutrition on Human Health.



The Two-Day Workshop on Urban Organic Farming concluded with Vote of thanks by Dr. Ranjana Agarwal, Convenor of Workshop followed by the National Anthem.



In this two-day workshop, a total of 150 participants from various educational institutions, research scholars, volunteers from ISLS participated.



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