

Organized Entrepreneurship Development Programme on Pig abattoir practices and Value addition of pork.

Agri-Business Incubation Centre of ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig has organized a one day “Entrepreneurship development programme (EDP) on “Pig abattoir practices and Value addition of Pork” on 24th July 2021 through virtual mode. A group of seven prospective entrepreneurs from Bengaluru, Karnataka participated in the training programme. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. Vivek Kumar Gupta, Director of ICAR-National Research Centre on Pig. During the speech, The Director has stressed on the various opportunities available in the pork processing sector and expressed happiness over the interest the entrepreneurs are taking in streamlining the hygienic pork production and marketing. The Director also assured all the possible technical support to the entrepreneurs in bringing out their brands in the market. During the training, relevant topics pertinent to scientific pig abattoir practices for hygienic pork production, FSSAI and pollution control board requirements, principles of feeding of different categories of pigs and appropriate strategy for use of conventional as well as non-conventional feed stuffs for pig feeding and bio-security aspects; avenues for utilization of non-edible portions of pig carcass; basics of pork processing and value addition and different classes of pork products; aspects to be considered towards brand building in piggery and pork value chain; methods of waste management in pig farms/processing units and specific technological challenges faced by Entrepreneur start-ups in the pork value chain. Relevant training materials in the form of manual/books and e-certificates were provided to the participants. The trainees have actively participated in the open discussions and expressed their satisfaction over the different aspects covered in the training programme. Dr. R. Thomas, Senior Scientist and PI, ABI; Dr. Keshab Barman, Principal Scientist and Dr. Mohan N.H., Principal Scientist of ICAR-NRC on Pig coordinated the training programme.

