

Kongunadu Arts and Science College (Autonomous), Coimbatore Department of Biochemistry (Aided)

Training Programme on 'MEDICINAL MUSHROOM CULTIVATION' - 15.03.2019

The department of biochemistry organized a training programme on 'MEDICINAL MUSHROOM CULTIVATION' sponsored by UGC, New Delhi for agriculturists and self help group women on 15.03.2019, in C2 Smart class room in the Department of Biochemistry, KASC. The registration for the programme started by 09.30 am and the participants registered till 10.30 am. A total of 30 participants registered for the programme including agriculturists, self help group women and students. The programme started at 10.45 am with the prayer song. Dr. S. Krishnakumari, IQAC Co-ordinator & Associate Professor in Biochemistry welcomed the gathering. The presidential address was given by Dr. C. A. Vasuki, Secretary & Director, KASC. She emphasized the importance of mushroom cultivation for the development of women community in rural areas and introduced various loan schemes applicable to the self help group women. Dr. V. Chinnusamy, CEO, KASC delivered the inaugural address. He asked the participants to utilize the training programme to their best. Dr. S. Paulsamy, Dean, Academics and R&D, Dr. Indira A. Jayraaj, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Biochemistry, KASC felicitated the gathering and pointed out that the mushroom cultivation is a wonderful tool for economic development and it is best suited for the women self help groups in the rural & urban areas and for disabled people.

Dr. S. Krishnakumari, IQAC Co-ordinator & Associate Professor in Biochemistry gave a lecture on 'Cultivation technology of Oyster Mushroom'. She explained the various steps in cultivation technology such as preparation of mushroom unit, cutting of paddy straw, soaking and washing of paddy straw, sterilization and drying of paddy straw, preparation of mushroom spawn for packing, packing of spawn and paddy straw in the mushroom bags, hanging in the mushroom unit, mycelium spreading, growth of mushrooms and harvest of mushrooms with relevant photographs.

Mr. M. Karthik, Mrs. V. Suganthi and Ms. B. Krishna, Ph.D Scholars in Biochemistry demonstrated the techniques of Tissue culturing, Spawn production and Cultivation technology of oyster mushrooms and the participants were given hands on training. The

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various doubts aroused by the participants were clarified at the end of the session. Dr. R. T. Narendhirakannan, Assistant Professor in Biochemistry, KASC proposed the Vote of Thanks.



Welcome Address by Dr. S. Krishnakumari, Associate Professor in Biochemistry



Presidential Address by Dr. C. A. Vasuki, Secretary & Director



Inaugural Address by Dr. V. Chinnusamy, CEO



Dr. S. Paulsamy, Dean, Academics and R&D delivering felicitation address



Lecture on Oyster mushroom cultivation technology by Dr. S. Krishnakumari



Demonstration of mushroom cultivation technology

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Hands on training of mushroom cultivation



Vote of Thanks by Dr. R. T. Narendhirakannan, Assistant Professor in Biochemistry



Participants & Organizers of the programme

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