Report on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Workshop on Mushroom Cultivation

A skill development and entrepreneurship workshop on mushroom cultivation was organized on January 19, 2024, at Raidighi College. The event was a collaborative effort by the Department of Botany, Microbiology, and the Career Counseling & Placement Cell. The workshop aimed to equip students with practical skills in mushroom cultivation and inspire entrepreneurial ventures in the field of sustainable agriculture.

The resource persons for the workshop were Dr. Nilanjan Chakraborty, Assistant Professor of Botany (UG & PG) at Scottish Church College, and Mr. Anujit Das from Earth Star Mushroom Pvt. Ltd. Their expertise and practical insights enriched the learning experience for the participants.

The workshop was structured into two technical sessions. The first session focused on the theoretical aspects of mushroom cultivation, including its biological principles, economic potential, and the scope of entrepreneurship in this domain. The second session provided a hands-on training experience, where students learned the step-by-step process of growing mushrooms, from substrate preparation to harvesting techniques.

Approximately 65 students participated actively in the workshop, demonstrating enthusiasm and keen interest in the subject. The hands-on training allowed them to apply theoretical knowledge in a practical setting, fostering a deeper understanding of the cultivation process.

To recognize and encourage participation, certificates were distributed to all attendees. The workshop not only enhanced the students' technical skills but also introduced them to the entrepreneurial possibilities in mushroom farming, thereby aligning with the broader goals of skill development and self-reliance.

Overall, the event was highly successful in inspiring students to explore sustainable and innovative practices in agriculture, marking another step forward in the college's commitment to holistic education and career readiness.



