



# NATIONAL SEMINAR ON FACILITATION OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND STARTUPS IN FOOD SECTOR



Organised jointly by  
**Association of Food Scientists and Technologists India Pondicherry Chapter and  
 Department of Food Science and Technology,  
 Pondicherry University**

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The Indian food processing industry is a high priority sector and is poised for excellent growth in the coming years because it holds the vital link between agriculture and industry. India is the world's largest producer of food after China. With increasing impetus by the government on research, it is estimated that India's food production is likely to double in the next decade. This opens up huge opportunities in food processing and allied areas. Unlike other industries, food processing sector growth is expected to have direct positive effect on the agricultural and rural sector, which is the much needed boost in country like India.

Innovations in food processing and food product development are happening at a fast rate continuously developing newer products and technology. Food processing is the fastest developing sector in India. With increasing urbanization and fast rising buying power of the middle class population is driving the industry at an incredible pace.

India with its wide traditional food base and crave for spices, snack and health food sector is giving the strong base for the same. However, the short supply of skilled work force and reluctance of youth to take up entrepreneurship are the two major weaknesses in the

Indian food processing sector. Recognising the future scope and potential of the sector, the current government is giving a big thrust for skill development and is encouraging the start-ups in the area of food entrepreneurships. The government has also increased the budget of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries two fold which indicates the increasing importance being given to the sector.

In view of this, the current conference has been planned to bring the food scientists, technologists current and to be entrepreneurs together on one platform.

Themes:

1. Entrepreneurship development
2. Food Science and Technology up-to date

## Programme

Inauguration – 09:30 10:30

### Session 1

10:45 -12:00 **Success stories of entrepreneurs**

Poster display 11:00-14:00  
 (Evaluation 13:00-14:00)  
 (2 Cash Prizes for best posters)

### Session 2

12:00-13:00 **EDP assistance and handholding**

### Session 3

14:00-15:30 **FSSAI and food business**

### Session 4

15:45 – 16:30 **Environmental challenges and management**

**Panel discussion 16:30- 17:00**

**Closing ceremony 17:00-17:30**

**Registration Fee:**

Full delegate	: 500
Student delegate	: 100
Student delegate (Outside PU)	: 150
Research scholars	: 250

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