

'Need to empower rural youth through skill devp'

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There is need to empower rural youth through skill development and championing the vocal for local approach for processing and value addition of agro products. Development and progress of these groups will be monitored and will be highlighted to serve as replicable models for other rural youth, said director of ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, Dr Y G Prasad.

He was speaking during a programme organised by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur. Processing equipments viz. two gravy machines, two potato slicer machines and two citrus juicer machines were distributed to the rural women of six self-help groups so that they can start their own enterprises of processing fruits and vegetables and



Director of ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, Dr Y G Prasad and others during a programme held recently.

sell the value added products to enhance their income under 'Attracting Rural Youth in Agriculture Project of ICAR'.

Dr Sunil Rokde, PS, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur and Head KVK, urged the SHGs to keep up to date records and to give feedback regarding the income earned through the sale of value added agro-products.

Principal scientist Dr Vinita Gotmare, Dr

Raghvendra, Dr Velmourgane, chief administration officer Goswami, the subject matter Specialists Dr U V Galkate, Sunita Chauhan, Dr P B Deulkar, Dr Mayur Meshram, Saurabh Patil, Dr Sachin Wankhede, Prashant Gayakwad and Kawle were present. SMS Horticulture, (PI-ARYA) Dr Deepa Lal and Jayashree Khobragade organised this programme.