

Mushroom cultivation as a source diversification and income generation

Diversification in any farming system imparts sustainability. To provide food and nutritional security to our people, it is important to diversify the agricultural activities in areas like horticulture. Mushrooms are one such component that not only impart diversification but also help in addressing the problems of quality food, health and environment related issues. Utilising agro-industrial wastes for growing mushrooms can enhance income and impart higher level of sustainability. Due to lack of knowledge, farmers are unaware about its importance, nutritive value and cultivation. Farmers were motivated about the importance, cultivation and processing of dhingri, button and medicinal mushrooms through training programme organised by KVK Scientists from 8 to 11 Feb, 2016. During training programme seed of dhingri was also provided to the farmers so that they can go for its cultivation at their own level whose results were found outstanding. Farmers are now taking interest in mushroom cultivation and KVK Scientists are regularly receiving phone calls regarding the procurement of spawn and its cultivation methodology.

