

Online training during COVID-19 for SHG members organized by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur

In the Lock downed and worldwide pandemic situation due to COVID-19, the Krishi Vigyan Kendra of ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur took an initiative of providing online training to farmers and farmwomen through video conferencing. The training was aimed to make the rural and urban women self dependant and improving the economic level as well as nutritional status of their family by preparing value added products from arid fruits and vegetables while staying at home.



The chairperson for the programme, Dr. O.P. Yadav, Director, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur also connected through video conferencing. He urged the participants to develop entrepreneurship by preparing the value added products using the locally available arid fruits and vegetables. He also briefed about the recent policies and plans by Govt. of India for promoting small scale industries and motivated the participants for developing skills as well as competencies by getting time to time such type of trainings and guidance.

Sr. Scientist & Head of the KVK, Dr. B.S. Rathore emphasized upon maintaining social distancing, downloading the ArogyaSetu App and take all the precautionary measures as well as advisories announced by the Govt. of India while working.

The initiative of such type of online training programme was taken by the SMS (Home Science) Dr. Poonam Kalash by identifying the training need in the selected group of members.

During the training the organizer Dr. Kalash and co-organizer Dr. Savita Singhal demonstrated the recipes of making *Beal Squash*, *Beal Murabba*, *Kairi-Pudina Squash*, *Mango Papad*, *Mango Jam* and *Kairi pickle* etc.

The Programme Assistant-Computer, Smt. Kusum Lata addressed their issues of marketing and suggested to use various ICT tools for selling their products.

The programme was attended by 32 participants. During the programme social distancing and all other precautionary measures were strictly followed.