

Report on One-Day Seminar

A one-day seminar on the theme “*Igniting Rural Innovations: SSIP & NABARD-Assisted SDAU RBIC's Impact on Entrepreneurship*” was successfully organized on 23rd September 2025 at the College of Food Technology, SDAU. The programme was a collaborative initiative of the SSIP Cell, College of Food Technology, and the NABARD-assisted SDAU Rural Business Incubation Centre (RBIC). In addition to the main theme, an important session on “*Importance and Applications of SSIP 2.0*” was also included to create awareness among students about the upgraded framework, benefits, and opportunities available under SSIP for innovation and startup support. The seminar aimed to inspire students toward rural innovation and entrepreneurship by highlighting the support systems available through SSIP and NABARD initiatives. The event featured a special lecture by Mr. Yash J. Padhiyar, CEO associated with the NABARD-assisted SDAU RBIC, who shared valuable insights on rural startup development, funding opportunities, and the role of incubation centers in transforming innovative ideas into successful enterprises. The programme was efficiently coordinated by Dr. Meet Thakar and Dr. Nirav D. Joshi, SSIP Coordinators of the College of Food Technology. Their efforts ensured smooth execution and active engagement of participants. A total of 50 students attended the seminar and benefited from the informative sessions. To facilitate learning, each participant was provided with a pen and notepad. Refreshments, including “chai and nasta”, were also arranged for all attendees. Overall, the seminar served as a motivating platform for students to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in the rural sector and understand the practical support available for innovation-driven ventures.

