ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research

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Award of Recognition

Sh. Epari Bulu Rao from Ganjam (Odisha) has been engaged in commercial button mushroom cultivation for more than a decade and has established J.P. Mushroom Farm as a successful commercial enterprise. Since 2016, he has progressively expanded the farm to 15 growing rooms covering about 18,000 sq. ft., with a compost production facility. He has adopted modern controlled-environment technologies for efficient, high-quality, and year-round production. The farm presently produces about 624 tonnes of button mushrooms annually, generating an estimated annual income of ₹2 crore. He has contributed significantly to the promotion of mushroom cultivation by training 12 growers and supporting the establishment of four mushroom units, besides providing technical guidance to farmers, students, and aspiring rural entrepreneurs. His efforts towards promoting button mushroom cultivation in Odisha were appreciated during the visit of the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, to his mushroom unit. He has also received recognition at the MSME Summit for his contribution to Odisha's growth, as well as from the Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT), Bhubaneswar, and PAL Charity. His achievements have also received media coverage through Kanak News, Argus News, and DD News Odia.

Considering his outstanding contributions to mushroom farming and entrepreneurship, the ICAR–Directorate of Mushroom Research, Solan (H.P.) confers the **"Progressive Mushroom Grower Award"** upon Sh. Epari Bulu Rao during the National Mushroom Mela on 10th September, 2026 at ICAR-DMR, Solan.

Date : 10th September 2026
Place : Solan, HP



Director