ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research

Chambaghat, Solan (HP) - 173213



Award of Recognition

Sh. Virender Singh Bajwan from Panchkula (Haryana) has been engaged in mushroom cultivation since 2010 and has established VMW Nutraceuticals Pvt. Ltd. as a successful enterprise specializing in medicinal and specialty mushrooms. With approximately 16 years of experience, he has developed expertise in the commercial production of Ganoderma, Shiitake, Lion's Mane, *Cordyceps militaris*, oyster, and white button mushrooms, adopting scientific cultivation practices and modern infrastructure. His unit presently comprises 13 growing rooms and five additional rooms, along with facilities for spawn production, substrate preparation, cold storage, and processing. He has diversified his enterprise into value-added medicinal mushroom and nutraceutical products, including capsules and droppers based on Ganoderma, Shiitake, Lion's Mane, and *Cordyceps*, with a strong emphasis on quality-oriented processing and scientific production practices. He has also made significant contributions to mushroom entrepreneurship and capacity building by training approximately 200 growers and guiding the establishment of more than 20 mushroom units, besides sharing technical knowledge and providing practical guidance to farmers and aspiring mushroom entrepreneurs. His contributions have received recognition at the national, state, and institutional levels, and his achievements have also been featured on prominent media platforms.

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. Virender Singh Bajwan during the National Mushroom Mela, on 10th September, 2026 at ICAR-DMR, Solan.

Date : 10th September 2026
Place : Solan, HP



Director