ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research

Chambaghat, Solan (HP) - 173213



Award of Recognition

Sh. Yogender Kumar from Mahendergarh (Haryana) has been engaged in mushroom cultivation since 2014 and has developed YMW Foods Private Limited into a successful commercial mushroom enterprise. He currently produces 150 quintals of oyster mushroom, 750 quintals of white button mushroom, 10 quintals of milky mushroom, 40 kg of Ganoderma mushroom, and 250 kg of Portobello mushroom annually. He has developed 15 value-added mushroom products, including pickle, namkeen, coated nuts, biscuits, papad, powder, and chips, promoting nutritious mushroom-based foods. He also promotes sustainable farming by converting spent mushroom compost into organic fertilizer. Through KVKs, the Mahendergarh Agriculture Department, and various workshops, he has trained around 120 farmers and farm women and supported the establishment of 15 small and commercial mushroom units. His "Grow Together" approach extends to women's SHGs and FPOs, with support in mushroom production, value addition, buy-back, and marketing. His enterprise generates an annual income of approximately ₹2.25 crore. His contribution to mushroom cultivation and value addition has been recognized by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana, and he has also received an Appreciation Certificate under the RKVY-RAFTAAR Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Programme.

Considering his outstanding contribution to mushroom farming, the ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research, Solan (H.P.) confers the **"Progressive Mushroom Grower Award"** on Sh. Yogender Kumar during the National Mushroom Mela on 10th September 2026 at ICAR-DMR, Solan.



Date : 10th September 2026
Place : Solan, HP

Director