

International Women's Day with Skill-Based Training for Women

The School of Agricultural Sciences, Shri Guru Ram Rai University, Dehradun Under the aegis of the Women Development Cell, celebrated International Women's Day by organizing a one-day skill-based training programme aimed at empowering women farmers through value addition and entrepreneurship.

The programme featured a hands-on training session on the preparation of Uttarakhand-specific value-added products such as amla candy, maltas and citrus jams, traditional hill pickles, chutneys, and herbal syrups. The training focused on scientific processing, preservation techniques, hygiene, packaging, and marketing strategies to enable participants to establish small-scale enterprises.

A total of 45 participants, including women farmers, faculty members, and students, attended the event. Dean SAS said, *"Such initiatives play a vital role in empowering women by combining traditional knowledge with modern value-addition techniques, thereby creating sustainable livelihood opportunities."*

The programme was coordinated by Mr. Amit Bhatt, Ms. Megha Suman, and Dr. Kalpana Bisht, while student coordinators Sarthak Raturi, Rhimjhim, Kanchan, Saurabh, Kanishk Rawat and their team ensured smooth execution of the event.

A participant Mrs Anju shared, *"The training has provided us with practical skills that we can use to start small businesses using locally available resources."*

The event concluded on a positive note, highlighting the importance of women's empowerment, skill development, and promotion of local agricultural resources in strengthening the rural economy of Uttarakhand.



