## **REPORT**

## PINEATHON-NATIONAL LEVEL BUSINESS PROPOSAL IDEA COMPETION 'Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav'

## 14.9.2021

Vidya Vistar Committee and Department of Food Technology of Vivekananda College in collaboration with Government Model College, Deithor, Assam and Department of Home Science, Sri Venkateshwara University, Tripura organised Pineathon 2021- A national level business proposal Idea Competition on the occasion of 75 years of India's Independence-"azadi ka Amrut Mahotasav. The objective of competition was to promote the spirit of entrepreneurship and self reliance (atma-nirbharta) among budding innovators. Innovative and unique ideas of processed pineapple were invited across india to develop sustainable ways and methods to utilise Pineapple and to provide feasible solutions for pineapple cultivators of rural India. The twin objective of promoting entrepreneurship as well as employment generation was at the heart of the competition.

The competition was held across India with the support and guidance of Dr. Hina Nandarajog. It was conceptualised and implemented by Dr. Sukhneet Suri, convenor of Vidya Vistar Committee, and Teacher in Charge of Food Technology department of Vivekananda College in collaboration with Dr. Suchitra Tripathi, Co-Convenor of the competition from Sri Venkateshwara University, Tripura. The organising committee members were Ms. Rachna Megh, Dr. Meena Pandey, Ms. Vandana Rathore, Dr. Arushi Jain and Mr. Dibya Jyoti Das.

The team designed a template with prescribed format of business proposal where the idea of processed product could be for any part of the pineapple plant/fruit. The last date of submission was 18th August 2021 and the 7 entries were received for the competition. Ideas for Jams, Bakery products to immunity booster beverages were received which reflects a high potential for growth in the segment.

