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Research Interest

- Value addition of fruits and vegetables
- Post harvest management of fruits and vegetables
- Traditional processing of minor and underutilized fruits and vegetables
- Extraction of color/principle compounds

Research Highlights

- Processing and value addition of aonla
- Development of fruit bars
- Color extraction from fruits and vegetables waste and byproduct utilization
- Post harvest management of fruits and vegetables (grapes, ker and sangri, black carrots etc.)

Memberships / Fellowships

- Life time member of Association of Food Scientists & Technologists (INDIA)
- Life time member of Indian Journal of Horticulture

Technology Developed

- Technology for quality green raisins
- Process for color extraction from black carrot and its byproducts
- Black carrot color fortified breads
- Black carrot color fortified potato chips
- Process for development of soft aonla candy
- Development of technology for destalking and packaging of dried chilli
- Process technology for roasted sangri seeds
- Process technology for mineral rich ker fortified baked mathris
- Procees technology developed for steeped ker and sangri for long term storage and off-season availability
- Developed technology for reducing astringency in ker fruits
- Refractive window dryer for fruit bar drying
- Optimized process technology for refractive window dried mango bar, guava bar and jamun bar

Publication Details

Glimpse of Recent Publications

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