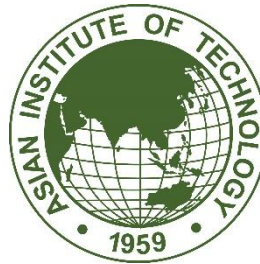




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NEWS | ICAR-IARI-Jharkhand wins Thailand SDG pitch tilt, off to Paris for global olympiad

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Mr. Ranjit Singh, a scientist in the ICAR-IARI-Jharkhand, Department of Agricultural Structure and Process Engineering (ASPE), School of Natural Resource Management (NRM), clinched the first prize in a pitch competition during the Asian Institute Technology (AIT) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Summer School, held from August 29 to 30 at the AIT Entrepreneurship Center, Pathum Thani, Thailand.

With the theme, “Health and Wellness, Innovations for Impact,” the event serves as a platform for crafting and presenting scalable solutions aligned with the United Nations’ SDG on good health and well-being.

Mr. Ranjit presented their proposal on plant-based probiotic milk that targets a healthy gut and mind. Mr. Johnmel Valerozo (Mariano Marcos State University-MMSU, Philippines), a Master of Science candidate in Food Innovation, Nutrition, and Health at AIT, joined him. Dr. Anil Kumar Anal, chair of the Food Innovation Nutrition and Health Academic Program, served as their mentor.

He expressed his gratitude upon receiving the award, “I feel thrilled and blessed. I’m excited about the opportunity to see our product move toward commercialization and positively impact young people’s health.”

Mr. Ranjit Singh is pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in Food Engineering and Bioprocess Technology at AIT.

The group will be awarded 1,500 euros as a cash incentive and a trip to Paris to participate in the “2024 SDG Olympiad.” They will represent ICAR-IARI-Jharkhand, AIT Thailand, and MMSU, Philippines at this year’s SDG Olympiad, a global competition focusing on team-based projects and challenge-based innovations, particularly on environment and health, from September 25 to 26 in Paris, France.

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