Workshop ”Youth Leadership and Rural Advancement”

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Workshop on theme "Youth Leadership and Rural Advancement", being organised jointly by NCRI and Centre for Sustainable Development, was inaugurated today in the auditorium of Government Polytechnic, Sundernagar. The workshop is being organised with support from Youth for Sustainable Development and Manimahesh Foundation. In the inaugural session Jitender Verma, Director(Projects) welcomed the guests, resource persons and the participants. S. Daniel, Coordinator, SVCYP, NCRI set the balling rolling with introduction about various programs and activities of NCRI an autonomous body under MHRD, Govt. of India. Vivek Basandhrai, MD, Hygeia Foods delivered the inaugural address and apprised the participants about various opportunities available to the students to start their own enterprises. He persuaded the students to take initiative in setting up enterprises so that they not only earn their own livelihoods but also employ other people. Prem Singh Thakur, General Secretary, Centre for Sustainable Development delivered the vote of thanks.
Thereafter several technical sessions were held. Dr. R.C. Thakur told about entrepreneurship skills and various schemes and subsidies available from various agencies. Vijai Patial, MD, Shiva Foods shared information on supply chain and processing of various local products. Jitender Verma from Centre for Sustainable Development told the participants about various opportunities available in different sectors to the youth like tourism, food processing, hydro, services etc. He also told them about process for formation of NGO, companies, firms etc. In the last session the students were divided into groups to have group discussions on issues around them. The group leaders came out with the views of the groups on issues around them also shared their reflections on the previous sessions. The students later visited ATC and saw various technology developed for rural areas.