

# **International Conference on "Emerging Synergies in Agriculture, Food Processing and Biotechnology"**

The three-day International Conference on "Emerging Synergies in Agriculture, Food Processing and Biotechnology" was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Panchayat raj, Shri. Parshottam Rupala on 21st Feb 2018 at Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences (Deemed University), Coimbatore. The Conference was organized by the School of Agriculture and Biosciences of the Deemed University had a participation of more than 500 delegates and 300 papers were presented. The Keynote addresses are being delivered by experts from India and abroad.

Shri. Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare of Government of India highlighted the synergies among water, food, health and energy and the key role of Agriculture in linking them up. The minister also inaugurated the poly house, constructed by the Department of agriculture, KITS for research and development. The Minister of State also appreciated Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences for establishing state-of-the-art laboratories for studies in the area of water and food technology. The polyhouse for high-tech horticulture was inaugurated by the Minister on the occasion. While appreciating Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences for its collaboration with Israel Universities like Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion University of Haifa, Ben-Gurion University of Beersheba, Israel, Shri. Rupala stated that the Government of India and Indian Council for Agricultural Research would like to encourage the academic and research activities of KITS.