

EDII creates 5,500 food processing entrepreneurs

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Ahmedabad: Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) has created 5,500 entrepreneurs in India's food processing sector in the past few years, the institute said in a release.

EDII said that through its Entrepreneurship Development Programmes, it has trained over 11,000 individuals over the years, half of whom have taken the entrepreneurial plunge.

"In the last decade, 5,500 enterprises have come up in food processing. These units have created employment opportunities for over 19,000 people," it said.

According to release, Gujarat accounted for 586 such entrepreneurs in the last decade, the sec-

ond highest after Maharashtra, which was home to 600 such entrepreneurs. EDII said that the units in Gujarat created employment for over 2,200 people. Jharkhand (578), Bihar (473) and Karnataka (444) are the other top states.

EDII director Sunil Shukla said that India has the potential and can become number one food producer in the world with sustained efforts. "The growth of food processing industry will bring immense benefits to the economy by raising agricultural yield, enhancing productivity, creating employment, and raising the life-standards of a large number of people," he said.

According to studies, food production in India is expected to double in ten years.