

Book Review

R & D at the CFTRI—The First Three Decades. Edited by M. R. Raghavendra Rao, K. R. Bhattacharya and J. V. Shankar. Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore. 1983.

As the title indicates, this book is a record of the research work done at the above-named research institute over a thirty year period from 1951 to 1980. In the opening chapter the formation of the institute is described and its aims and structure outlined. The following five chapters cover commodity research and include work on grains, oilseeds, animal foods, fruits, vegetables, plantation products and food flavours. Six other chapters are concerned with multi-commodity research such as pest control, packaging, engineering, sensory evaluation, microbiology, biochemistry and nutrition. The thirteenth chapter outlines work done on formulated foods and beverages. Other essential activities, namely technology transfer, the information centre, the animal house, the special instruments facility, the quality control laboratory, the training programme, public relations and publications are described in the remaining chapters. There are four appendices in which technologies transferred to industry, technologies ready for commercialisation, consultancy projects for the food industry, project/feasibility reports, techno-economic studies are listed. Considering the many and varied projects contained in this book it is easy to read and the work is very well summarised. Each chapter is illustrated with black-and-white plates and has an extensive list of references. There is a subject and author index, both very detailed. The work deserves a wide readership. It should interest all those concerned with research and development in food technology in universities and colleges, government establishments and industry. It will be of special interest to those working on products and processes applicable to the developing countries and to national and international bodies funding such work and responsible for the application of the results in such countries.

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