Development and Value Addition in Guava (*Psidium guajava L.*) Cheese through various edible Seed Kernels

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**ABSTRACT**

Field experiment was conducted during year 2022-2023 at the Post Harvest Laboratory of Horticulture Department, Naini Agricultural Institute, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology & Sciences, Prayagraj to study “Development and value addition in Guava (*Psidium guajava L.*) cheese through various edible seed kernels” The experiment was conducted in Completely randomized design (CRD) with nine treatments replicated thrice. Total number of treatments were nine with different edible seed kernels such as pumpkin, muskmelon watermelon and Cuddapah almond (chirongi) seed. The treatment (T2 Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (powdered seed) 5%) was found superior in respect of parameters like TSS (0Brix), pH, acidity (%), ascorbic acid (mg/100g), reducing sugar (%), non-reducing sugar (%), total sugar(%), Colour score texture flavour taste overall acceptability. Benfit cost Ratio was found highest (2.37) in the treatment (T2 Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (powdered seed) 5%).

**Key words:** Guava, Cheese, Seed kernels.

**Introduction**

Guavas are plants of Myrtle family (Myrtaceae) genus Psidium (meaning “pomegranate” in Latin), which contains about 100 species of tropical shrubs and small trees. These are native to Mexico, Central America and Northern South America, and are now cultivated and naturalized throughout the tropics and subtropics in Africa, South East Asia, the Caribbean, sub-tropical regions of North America and Australia. Guava (*Psidium guajava L.*) is known by different names such as Amrud, Piyara, Peru, Koyya, Jamakaya, Seed Pandu, etc. It is a small tree or shrub of 2 to 8 m in height with wide spreading branches. Major guava producing states are Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Andra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka (Chavan *et al.*, 2015).

It has been aptly called the “Apple of Tropics” and “Poor man’s apple”. It is the fourth most important fruit crop in India in area and production after mango, banana and citrus. The major producers of guava in the world are India, China, Thailand, Pakistan, Mexico, Indonesia, Brazil, Bangladesh, Philippines, Nigeria. The two important varieties of guava commercially grown in India are ‘Allahabad Safeda’ and ‘Luknow-49’ or ‘Sardar’. Both of them are considered good for processing. In India, guava occupies an area of 2.36 lakh ha with an annual production of 31.98 lakh MT. The major guava producing
states in India are Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Gujrat and Bihar. In Maharashtra, guava occupies an area of 0.40 lakh ha with an annual production of 3.24 lakh MT.

**Materials and Methods**

The present investigation entitled “DEVELOPMENT AND VALUE ADDITION IN GUAVA (Psidium guajava L.) CHEESE THROUGH VARIOUS EDIBLE SEED KERNELS.” was laid out in the Post Harvest Laboratory of Horticulture Department, Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Prayagraj during the year 2022-2023.

The treatments were (T0: Guava pulp + Sugar), (T1: Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (Coarsely crushed seed) 5%), (T2: Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (powdered seed) 5%), (T3: Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Watermelon seed (Coarsely crushed seed) 5%), (T4: Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Watermelon seed (powdered seed) 5%), (T5: Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Muskmelon seed (Coarsely crushed seed) 5%), (T6: Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Muskmelon seed (powdered seed) 5%), (T7: Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Cuddapah almond (chirongi) seed (Coarsely crushed seed) 5%), (T8: Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Cuddapah almond (chirongi) seed (powdered seed) 5%).

**Results and Discussion**

**TSS**

Among all the different treatment combinations used in guava cheese the treatment T5 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Muskmelon seed (Coarsely crushed seed) 5% had the highest total soluble solid (0Brix) measuring (78.9 0Brix), followed by T1 Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernels (Coarsely crushed seed) 5% measuring (78.7), While the treatment T7 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Cuddapah almond (Chirongi) seed (Coarsely crushed seed) 5% had the lowest total soluble solid (0Brix) measuring (72.4 0Brix).

**pH**

Results related to the pH showed that the treatment T2 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (powdered seed) 5% had the lowest pH measuring (3.5), followed by T0 Control (Guava pulp + Sugar) measuring (3.5), while the treatment T6 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Muskmelon seed (powdered seed) 5% had the highest pH measurement (4.1).

**Acidity**

Results related to the acidity showed that the treatment T5 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Muskmelon seed (Coarsely crushed seed) 5% had the lowest acidity measuring (0.68), followed by treatment T8 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Cuddapah almond (Chirongi) seed (powdered seed) 5% measuring (0.715), while the treatment T2 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (powdered seed) 5% had the maximum acidity measurement (0.92).

**Ascorbic acid**

Results related to the ascorbic acid showed that the treatment T2 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (powdered seed) 5% had the maximum ascorbic acid measuring (32.94 mg/100g), followed by treatment T1 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (Coarsely crushed seed) 5% measuring (31.51 mg/100g), while the treatment T0 - Control (Guava pulp + Sugar) had the lowest ascorbic acid measurement (23.6mg/100g).

**Reducing sugar**

Results related to the reducing sugar showed that the treatment T0 - Control (Guava pulp + Sugar) had the maximum reducing sugar measuring (27.81), followed by treatment T1 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (Coarsely crushed seed) 5% measuring (27.6), while the treatment T4 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Watermelon seed (powdered seed) 5% had the lowest reducing sugar percentage measurement (25.23).

**Non reducing sugar**

Results related to the non reducing sugar showed that the treatment T4 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Watermelon seed (powdered seed) 5% had the lowest non reducing sugar percentage measuring (22.98), followed by treatment T5 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Muskmelon seed (Coarsely crushed seed) 5% measuring (23.46), while he treatment T6 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Muskmelon seed (powdered seed) 5% had the maximum non reducing sugar percentage measurement (30.43).
Total sugar
Results related to the total sugar showed that the treatment T2 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (powdered seed) 5% had the maximum total sugar percentage measuring (49.94), followed by treatment T1 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (coarsely crushed seed) 5% measuring (47.44), while the treatment T4 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Watermelon seed (powdered seed) 5% had the minimum total sugar percentage measurement (41.19).

Sensory qualities of guava cheese

Colour
Results related to the colour showed that the treatment T2 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (powdered seed) 5% had the highest colour score measuring (8.03), followed by treatment T5 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Muskmelon seed (Coarsely crushed seed) 5% measuring (7.8), while the treatment T0 – Control (guava pulp) had the least colour score measurement (6.16).

Texture
Results related to the texture showed that the treatment T2 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (powdered seed) 5% had the highest texture score measuring (7.93), followed by treatment T5 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Muskmelon seed (Coarsely crushed seed) 5% measuring (7.5), while the treatment T1 – Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (Coarsely crushed seed) 5% had the least texture score measurement (6.13).

Flavour
Results related to the flavour showed that the treatment T2 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (powdered seed) 5% had the highest flavour score measuring (8.1), followed by treatment T5 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Muskmelon seed (Coarsely crushed seed) 5% measuring (7.63), while the treatment T0 – Control (guava pulp + Sugar) had the least flavour score measurement (6.13).

Taste
Results related to the taste showed that the treatment T2 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (powdered seed) 5% had the highest taste score measuring (8.03), followed by treatment T5 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Muskmelon seed (Coarsely crushed seed) 5% measuring (7.56), while the treatment T8 – Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Cuddapah almond (Chirongi) seed (powdered seed) 5% had the least taste score measurement (6.5).

Overall acceptability
Results related to the overall acceptability showed that the treatment T2 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (powdered seed) 5% had the highest overall acceptability score measuring (8.03), followed by treatment T5 - Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Muskmelon seed (Coarsely crushed seed) 5% measuring (7.66), while the treatment T4 – Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Watermelon seed (powdered seed) 5% had the least overall acceptability score measurement (6.4).

Conclusion
Based on findings of the present experiment it may be concluded that treatment T2 {Guava pulp + Sugar (1:1) + Pumpkin seed kernel (powdered seed) 5%} was found superior in respect of all the parameters.

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References


