

## Green Greenwich: Showcasing our University of Greenwich Community

### Meet Dr. Parag Acharya: Innovation, Collaboration and Generation, Creating Sustainable Food Systems in the Kent and Medway region.



#### ABOUT

Dr Parag Acharya has taken the helm of the research group focusing on food processing and innovation at the university's Natural Resources Institute (NRI). Additionally, he is spearheading the establishment of the Medway Food Innovation Centre (MFIC), which he says will be 'a one stop shop' envisioned as a comprehensive innovation hub equipped with cutting-edge facilities and technical expertise to foster opportunities for those interested in advancing sustainable protein development within the UK.

#### WORK

Established by NRI and partners as part of the Growing Kent and Medway Initiative, the MFIC also houses the plant-based Food Accelerator Programme. The programme has provided advice and support to more than 80 companies, solving business challenges and catalysing food innovation. It has helped to get 16 more products into the market.

“**Collaboration is key for innovation and infrastructure growth.**

#### SDGs

