
Report on Indo Uzbek Meet & International Conference on Trends & Innovations in Food Technology-from farm to fork (TIFT- 2022)

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Conference Report**Indo Uzbek Meet & International Conference on
Trends & Innovations in Food Technology-*from farm to fork* (TIFT- 2022)**

A two-day **Indo-Uzbek meet and International Conference on Trends & Innovation in Food Technology from farm to fork TIFT-2022** was jointly organized by the Department of Bioengineering, Integral University, Lucknow and Tashkent Chemical Technological Institute, Tashkent, Uzbekistan. This conference with the theme of “**Serving Present to secure the Future**” discussed challenges for achieving better prospects in food processing for sustainable development. The International Conference was a two-day (Online/Offline) event that hosted some of the most influential figures in the food sector including researchers, scientists, food technologists, healthcare professionals, policymakers, government representatives and industrialists to stimulate debate, foster collaborations and expand the knowledge base in food sector and in achieving the sustainable development goals laid down by United Nations.

The Inaugural function of the International Conference commenced with a welcome address by **Dr. Alvina Farooqui**, Head, Department of Bioengineering, Integral University, Lucknow, who elaborately emphasized on holistic development of researchers, student teacher along with the exploration for new avenues of joint work for food innovation and technology. She quoted the main aim of this conference “**Serving present to secure future**”. Moreover, she also sensitized the importance of sustainability to serve the cause of humanity. **Dr. Syed Nadeem Akhtar**, Hon’ble Pro Chancellor, Chief Patron welcomed the esteemed guests and highlighted that this kind of programs should be continued in future. Moreover, he also shared his experiences. **Prof. Javed Musarrat**, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, gave captivating information related to growing demands for food and agriculture start-ups, and highlighted national and international issues of food safety and security.

Mr Sanjay Dave, former chairman of Codex Alimentarius Commission and former adviser to FSSAI, focused on food laws, food quality and safety, commercialization in the food processing industry and harmonization of domestic food standards. **Prof. Botir Usmonov**, Rector, TCTI, Uzbekistan laid emphasis on building a good foundation and exchange of ideas between the two universities and establishing scientific collaboration. **Prof. Nortoji Ho'jamshukurov**, Professor, Tashkent Chemical Technology Institute, Uzbekistan acknowledged Hon'ble Prof. S.W. Akhtar by presenting the memento. **Prof. Ashwani Pareek**, Executive Director, National Agri-food Biotechnology Institute, Mohali, Punjab discussed the problems associated with crop production. **Dr. Shridevi Annapurna Singh**, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysore highlighted the global concern related to food wastage, packaging of food and accentuated the importance of food for wellbeing. **Prof G.N Singh**, Advisor to CM, talked about innovations in food that would become the driving force for cooperation and coordination with countries abroad. Chief Guest of the event, **Dr. Chindi Vasudevappa**, Vice Chancellor, NIFTEM, Haryana briefed about food supply chain management, sustainable food system approach, personalized food, therapeutics food and food enrichment and fortification. He also enlightened about food safety and quality that are responsible for the health and wellness of India. The session was concluded by the blessings and a beautiful quote by Prof. S.W Akhtar, Founder and Honorable Chancellor, Integral University, "*Mai akela hi chala tha janibe manzil magar,log sath aate gaye aur karwa banta gaya*".At the end of session the conference abstract book was released followed by presentation of conference memento and university memento to the dignitaries. A special vote of thanks was delivered by **Prof. Iffat Zareen Ahmad** who thanked the speakers for their valuable time and sharing their views related to food technology innovation and advancements.



After inaugural session four technical sessions were held each for oral and poster presentations with the following themes:

Technical Session 1: Food Engineering, Processing & Packaging

Technical Session 2: Bioactive Constituents, Micronutrients, Food Additives & Ingredients

Technical Session 3: Food Innovation Technology & Waste Valorization

Technical Session 4: Food Toxicology and Food Microbiology

In these technical themes, 12 invited speakers gave their lead talks about the various topics of food technology. A total of 65 papers were presented in the oral form and 38 in the poster form. This was followed by the industry-Academia Panel Discussion. The panel discussion on the topic of industry Academia interface to identify the skill gap was graced by speaker **Professor Ashok Kumar Pandey**, distinguished scientist IITR Lucknow, **Mr. Dinesh C. Choudhary**, Plant Head AMUL, Lucknow. **Dr. Priyanka Singh**, Founder, Director Bioquest Research Solution Allahabad, **Professor A.K Saxena**, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management IU, and **Dr. Nilanjan Mukherjee**, Director CCG & D, IU. The speakers in the panel raised a very important point to keep out students in identifying the skill gap to become employable. Professor Ashok Pandey gives advice to students to remain modest, simple, and Well behaved to be successful in life. Mr. Chaudhary said students when they become professional, they lack sincerity and loyalty to the organization. They stressed on a dire need to indicate good behavioral and interpersonal skills to be successful in a career. Professor Saxena and Dr. Nilanjan pinpointed to remain positive and carry the right attitude and

aptitude. Dr. Priyanka identified the skill which makes students opting for food tech to upgrade themselves as per the need of current scenario. The session was well coordinated by Dr. Asma Farooque, Deptt. of Commerce & Business Management and Dr. Sufia Rehman, Centre for Career Guidance and Development, Integral University, Lucknow.



An expo, **TIFT EXPO-2022** was organized as the part of the conference which was inaugurated after the inaugural function of the conference by the dignitaries. A total of 25 stalls from various government and private organizations showcased their products and technology. The Students of Food Technology course displayed various products which were developed by them in the departmental labs. The products developed were based on the various themes of new product development, food waste valorizations and new innovation in food processing. These products were the eye catchers of the event. Besides various organizations like CSIR-IITR, various food start-ups like Nutty village, Flavin Labs, Academic Monk also showcased their products. This Expo was open to the students and the general public for two days of the conference.

The valedictory function was graced by **Prof. Rajendra Khimani**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad as Chief Guest, **Dr. Syed Nadeem Akhtar**, Hon'ble Pro Chancellor, the Chief Patron, **Prof. Javed Musarrat**, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the Patron **Prof Nortoiji Abdikholikovich**, Professor of Biotechnology, Tashkent Chemical Technological Institute Tashkent Uzbekistan, Guest of Honour, **Prof. Ashok Pandey**, Distinguished scientist, IITR Lucknow, Guest of Honour **Prof. F A Masoodi**, Dean Academic affairs, University of Kashmir, Guest of Honour and **Prof. Mohd Haris Siddiqui**, Registrar, **Integral University**. Addresses by the Dignitaries was followed by Prize distribution for the Oral and Poster sessions, presentation of mementoes. The conference report was presented by **Dr. Owais Yousuf**, Assistant Professor, Department of Bioengineering. The valedictory function ended by the vote of thanks by the Convener TIFT 2022, **Dr. Alvina Farooqui** who emphasized the importance of team work for the success of any event and quoted *"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."*



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Warm Regards

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"Hard work betrays none"