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Two Days National Workshop on Food Safety organized at IUST



Awantipora, September 19: Department of Food Technology, Islamic University of Science and Technology under TEQIP-III organized two days National Workshop on “Food Safety: Current Scenario and Future Challenges” from 18th to 19th September 2018. Prof. Mushtaq.A. Sidiqqi, Vice-Chancellor, was the Chief Guest and Dr. A.K. Dar, Commissioner Food Safety J&K was the Guest of Honor on the inaugural session of the workshop. The workshop was attended by the members from food industry, food safety officers, students and prominent guest speakers were Prof. Rekha Singhal from Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai. Prof. H.R.Naik, HOD Food Science & Technology SKUAST-K. Mr. Rashid Hussain, Scientist BARC Zakura, Ms Sona Sharma from Quality Council of India, Mr. Pravin Jagtap Plant manager US based company Schreiber Dynamix, Dr. Tawheed Amin, Food Safety Officer and Prof. M.A.Pal, HoD Livestock Product Technology, SKUAST-K.

Food safety aims to provide safe food to consumers which will not cause diseases. It has many stake holders and every member in the food supply chain has to be sensitized to provide safe hygienic food to consumers. Food safety Standards act 2006 is an umbrella act which is being implemented by the food safety department in the state. Regulatory authorities have to make regular checkups in food establishments, food canteens, street vendors, food manufacturing companies, so that the food safety management is in place. General masses and food handlers need to be educated about the importance of safe hygienic food and principles of hygiene to be maintained. The workshop aimed to sensitize the participants about the food safety issues prevalent in the state and safety management systems to adopt for prevention of food borne diseases. The two day deliberations comprised of three technical sessions in which various aspects of food safety were discussed like contaminants and hazards arising from various sources at critical points in the food chain. Safety management systems like implementation of IND HACCP, IND GAP, IND GHP and use of irradiation as a safety tool for food preservation were discussed. In the student poster session food safety issues like food adulteration, junk foods, GM foods, personal hygiene, clean drinking water were highlighted and focused the attention of the visitors.

In the valedictory function Prof. A.M.Shah , Dean Academic affairs , Prof. A.H.Moon, Dean SOET, Prof. F.A.Mir, Registrar, Mr. Syed Reyaz Rufai, Chief Librarian graced the occasion and shared their experiences on the food safety aspects pertaining to the theme of the workshop and distributed awards and certificates among the participants.

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