REPORT
ON
One Day National Webinar on

The National Education Policy 2020, in Retrospect of Food Processing and Technology: Challenges and the Way Forward

Organized by

Rajiv Gandhi University

Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh, India

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Acknowledgments

Organizing Committee

- **Chief Patron:** Prof. Saket Kushwaha, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University.

- **Patrons:**
  a. Prof. Amitava Mitra, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University.
  b. Dr. N.T. Rikam, Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University.

- **Keynote Speakers:**
  a. Prof. Vasudeva Singh, Retd. Chief Scientist, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru
  b. Prof. Ashutosh Upadhyay, National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Sonepat Haryana

- **Chairman:** Prof. Sumpam Tangjang, Dean, Life Sciences & Agricultural Sciences, Coordinator, Department of Agriculture Sciences & Food Technology, Rajiv Gandhi University.

- **Convenors:**
  a. Dr. Nikhil Kumar Mahnot, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Food Technology, RGU.
  b. Dr. Deependra Rajoriya, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Food Technology, RGU.

- **Members:**
  a. Dr. Rejaul Hoque Bepary, Guest Faculty, Department of Food Technology, RGU
  b. Dr. Duyi Samyor, Guest Faculty, Department of Food Technology, RGU

Program Schedule

Time		Activity	Speaker
06:00 pm	**:**		**National Anthem**
06:01 pm-06:05 pm	:	**Welcome Address and Programme Briefing**	**Prof. Sumpam Tangjang** Co-ordinator & Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, RGU
06:06 pm-06:10 pm	:	**Address by The Registrar**	**Dr. N. T. Rikam** Registrar, RGU
06:11 pm-06:15 pm	:	**Address by The Pro-Vice-Chancellor**	**Prof. Amitava Mitra** Pro-Vice-Chancellor, RGU
06:26 pm-06:35 pm	:	**Address by The Chief Patron**	**Prof. Saket Kushwaha** Vice-Chancellor Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU)
06:36 pm-07:05 pm	:	**Keynote speech -1**	**Prof. Vasudeva Singh** Retd. Chief Scientist Grain Science and Technology CSIR-CFTRI, Mysore
07:06 pm-07:35 pm	:	Keynote speech -2	**Prof. Ashutosh Upadhyay** National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Sonepat, Haryana.
07:51 pm-08:00 pm	:		**Vote of Thanks**

Objectives of the Webinar

1) To understand the essence, importance, and impact of National Education Policy, 2020.

2) To review the impact of National Education Policy after completing one year of its existence.

3) To understand challenges at hand, and make the way forward in implementing National Education Policy towards a better future in education.

4) To bring forward the role of Food Processing and Technology as skill development curricula.

Expected Learning outcomes

- Make aware the younger generations to understand the benefits that can be availed through the National Education Policy.

- Creating awareness about the various schemes and support given under the new National Education Policy and.

- Establishing the important role carried out by skill-oriented courses such as food processing and technology etc.

Outcomes of the Webinar

- The webinar made aware the participants about the importance of New National Education Policy 2020 with special emphasis on the role of food processing.

- The webinar also made aware about the importance of practical knowledge and future scope of students in the field of food technology. Which will help them to seek the career opportunities in the field of food Processing industries and entrepreneurship in the state of Arunachal Pradesh and other part of the India.

- The participants were sensitized on the various major education policies, importance of vocational education in food processing, the need of food technology in basic human life.

- The participants were also made aware about the challenges and the way forward for food processing and technology programmes in National Education Policy 2020.

Executive summary

The Rajiv Gandhi University, organized a national webinar on "The National Education Policy 2020, in retrospect of Food Processing and Technology: Challenges and the Way Forward" on August 12, 2021. It was the first webinar organized by Department of Food Technology to brain storm about the importance of New Education Policy 2020. The webinar was segmented into three dedicated sections, i.e., inaugural session, technical session, and valedictory session.

The webinar commenced with the welcome address delivered by Prof. Sumpam (Dean faculty of Life Sciences & Agriculture Sciences, Coordinator, Dept. of Agriculture Sciences & Food Technology, RGU). He welcomed all the dignitaries present in the webinar and appreciated the fine leadership of Honorable VC of RGU. Prof. Amitava Mitra, honorable Pro VC, RGU, enlightened the participants about the webinar and give the best wishes.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha, stressed on the importance of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and made aware about the readiness and steps taken by RGU in implementing NEP, 2020. While, the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Amitava Mitra, spoke about how the food processing industry can help to improve the income of local farmers by converting agricultural produce into finished product to curb spoilage and waste generation. The Registrar RGU, Dr. NT Rikam, also stressed upon the fact that the importance of food industry and why there is a need to process agricultural food products.

Prof. Vasudeva Singh, Retd. Chief Scientist, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru and Prof. Ashutosh Upadhyay, Dean Academics, NIFTEM, Haryana were the keynote speakers for this webinar. Prof. Vasudeva Singh talked about the background of national education policy 2020 and its education pattern from pre-primary school to university level and the importance of practical knowledge and future scope of students in the field of food technology. On the other hand, Prof. Upadhyay sensitized on the various major education policies, importance of vocational education in food processing, the need of food technology in basic human life, and also highlighted the various aspects of food technology along with the importance of course curriculum with a few examples.

The webinar was attended by numerous participants from different parts of India. The webinar was conveyed and moderated by Dr. Nikhil Kumar Mahnot, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Food Technology and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Deependra Rajoriya, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Food Technology.

Photo Gallery

Fig.1: Webinar Flyer

Fig. 2: Address by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Saket Kushwaha

Fig. 2: Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Amitava Mitra
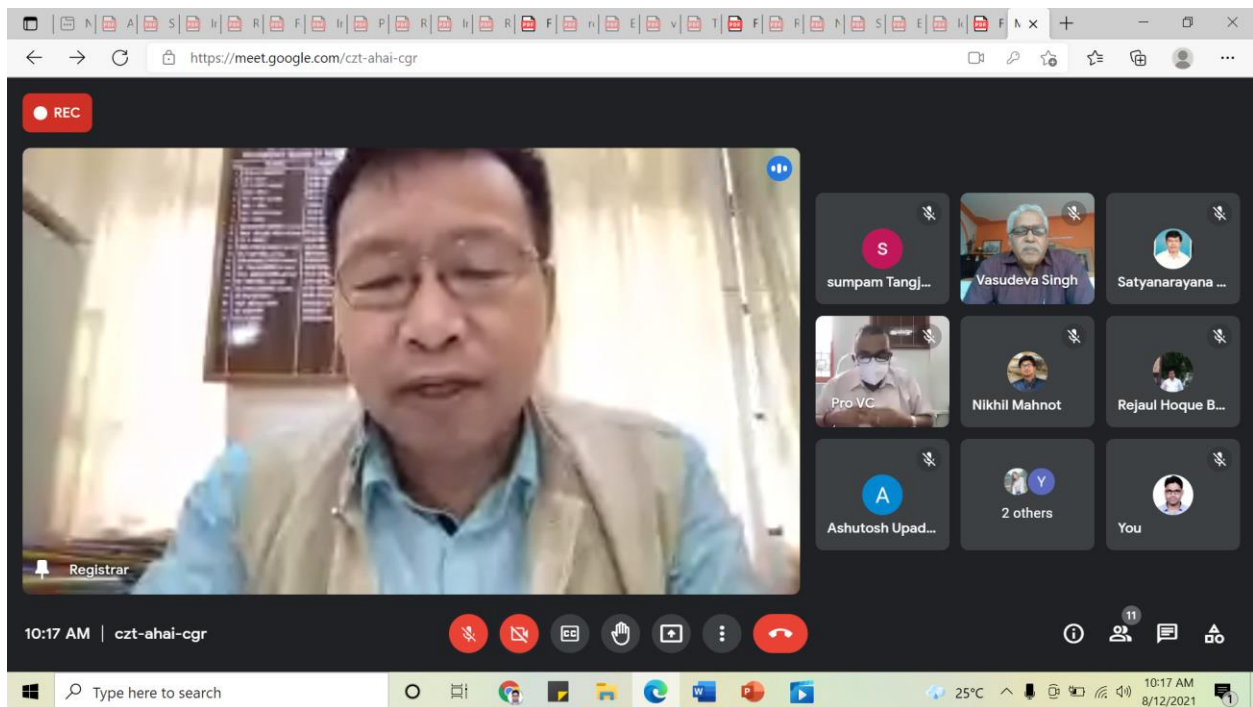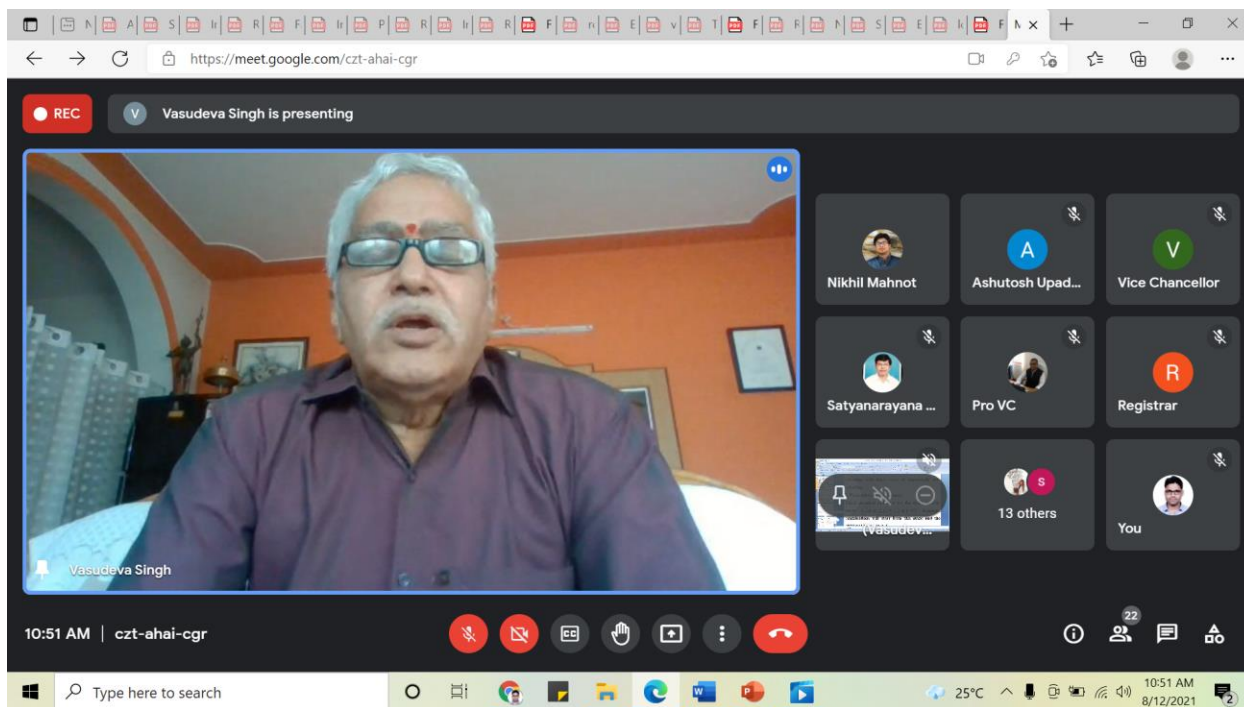

Fig. 3: Dr. NT Rikam, Registrar, RGU

Fig. 4: Prof. Vasudeva Singh, Retd. Chief Scientist, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru (Keynote Speaker)

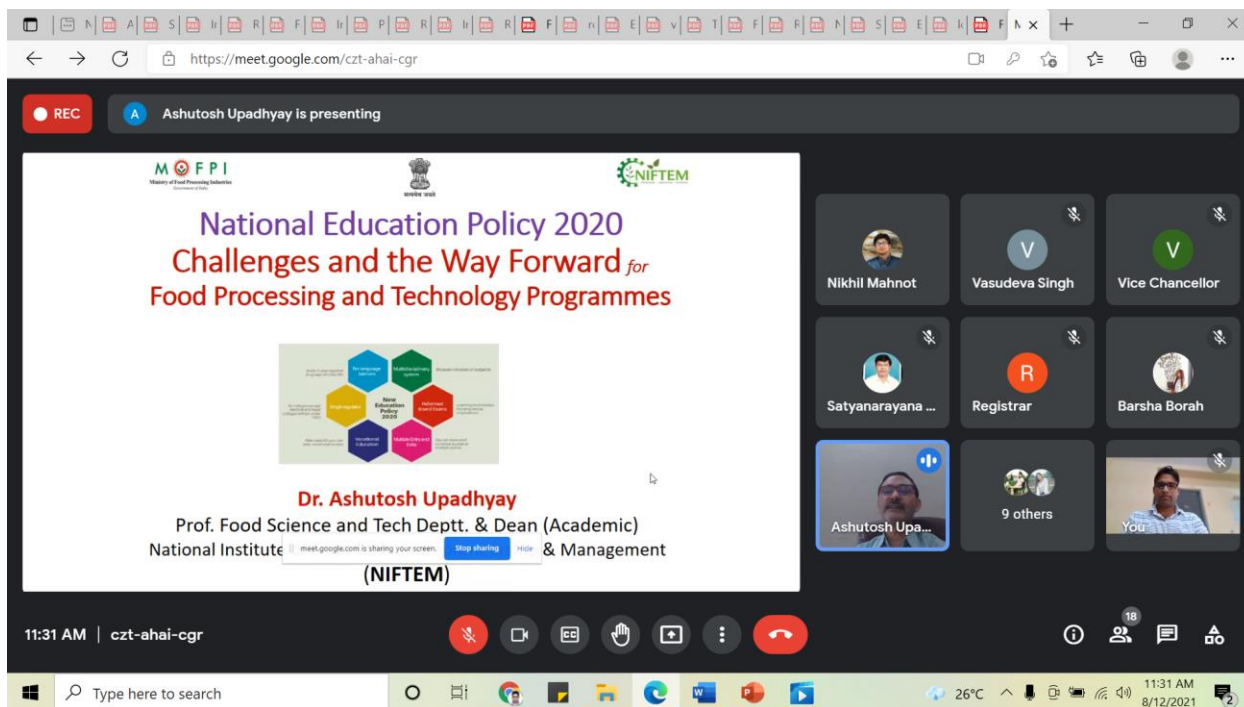**Fig. 5: Prof. Ashutosh Upadhyay, NIFTEM (Keynote Speaker)**
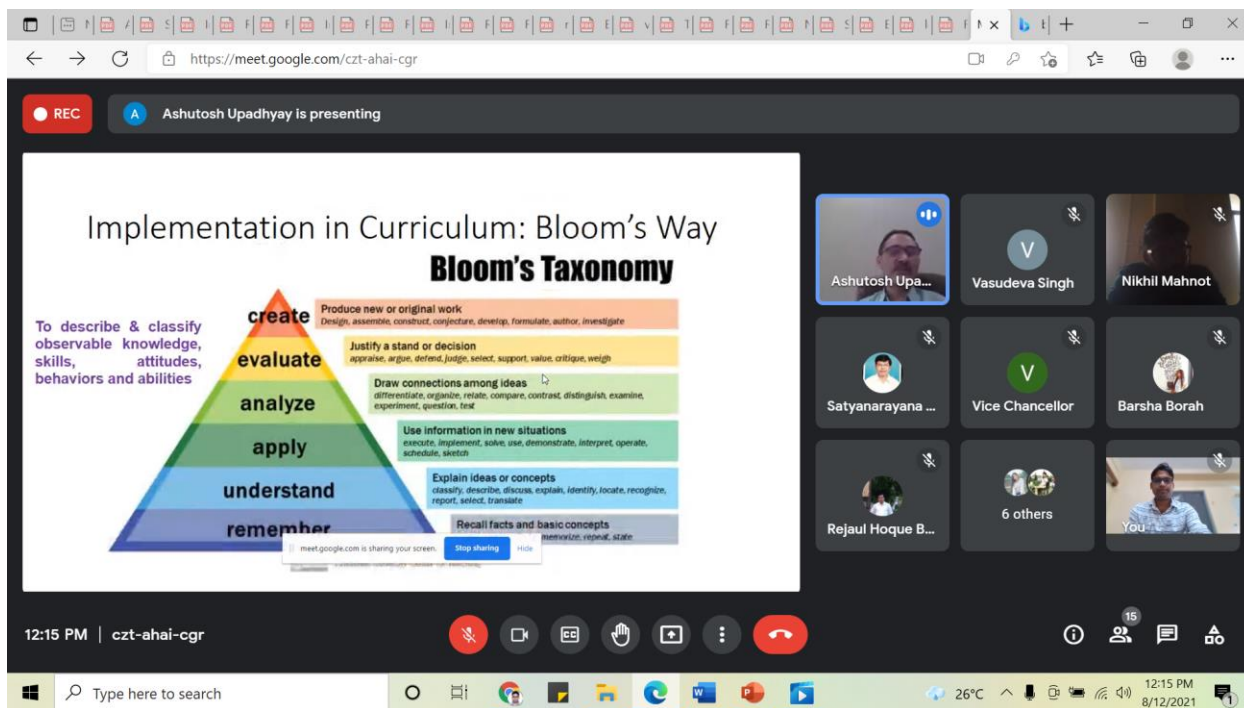
Fig. 6: Snaps from the webinar

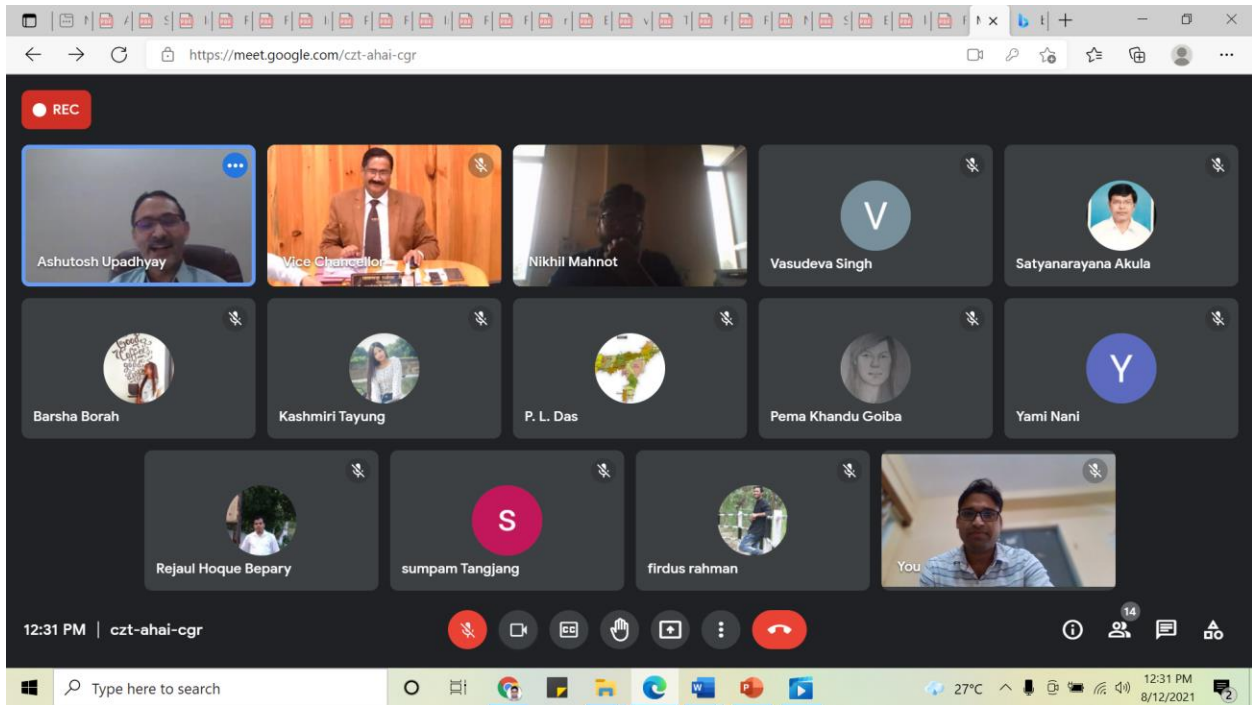**Fig. 7: Snaps from the webinar**

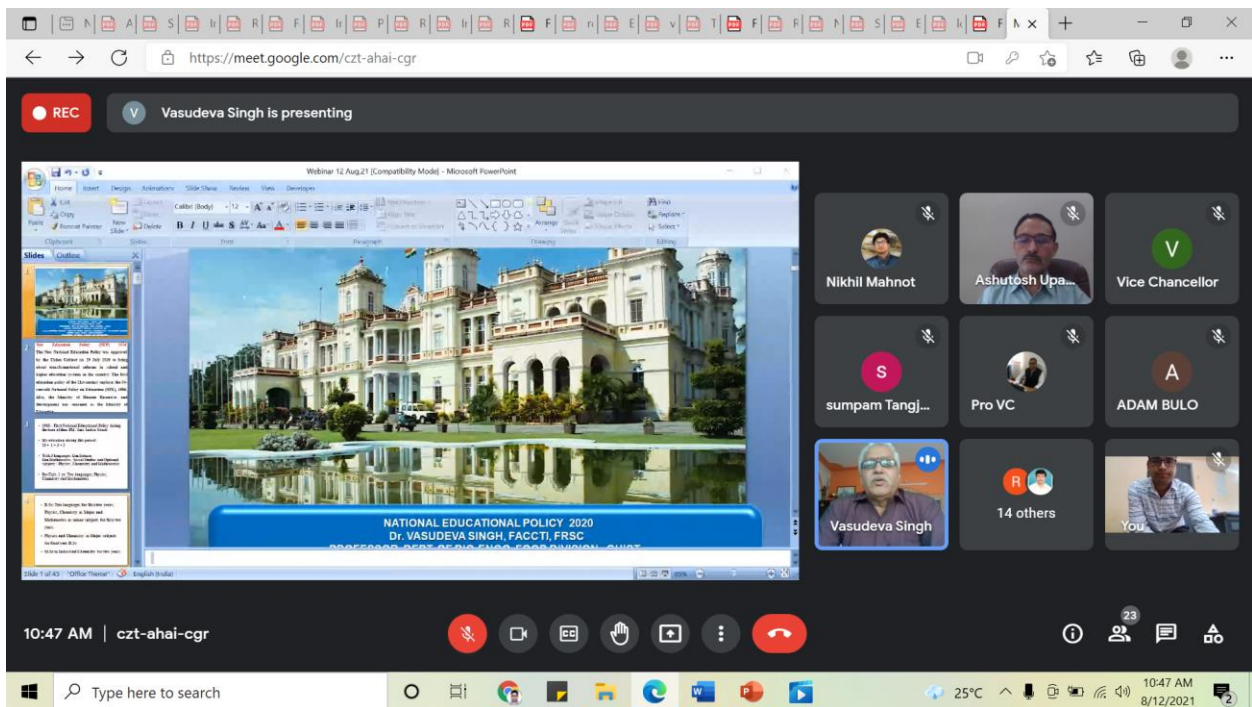**Fig. 8: Snaps from the webinar participants**

Fig. 9: Snaps from the webinar

Participants

The webinar was open for all without the requirement of registration. All the students and faculty members of the department participated alongside a few from other department of the university.