



# CELEBRATION OF WORLD FOOD DAY


16<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Environmental Quality Cell (EQC), Jamia Hamdard celebrated 'World Food Day' on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021. On this occasion a National Webinar was organized in online mode using both Google Meet Platform and You-Tube. The program started with National Anthem to mark the arrival of His Excellency Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari ji in the inaugural session. This was followed by the recitation of Holy Quran by Dr. Syed Fazular Rehman from the Dept. of Islamic Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Jamia Hamdard and a member of EQC. Prof. (Dr.) M.Z. Abdin (Chairman, EQC) in his welcome address thanked chief guest, all the speakers, Deans of Schools, HoDs, Unit heads and audience for attending this important event. Prof. Abdin spoke about the history of World Food Day celebration and informed that this year, since it was a holiday on 16<sup>th</sup> October, EQC, Jamia Hamdard is celebrating this important event on 18<sup>th</sup> October. He said the main aim of this day is to create awareness about poverty, hunger and food wastage.

  
Environmental Quality Cell (EQC)  
Jamia Hamdard  
cordially invites you all to a  
National Webinar  
on  
**WORLD FOOD DAY - 2021**  
Chief Guest  
**Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari**  
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**Distinguished Speaker**  
**Prof. (Dr.) K. C. Bansal**  
Secretary, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences  
India  
Former Director of the National Bureau of Plant  
Genetic Resources, (ICAR), New Delhi

**Distinguished Speaker**  
  
**Prof. (Dr.) K. C. Bansal**

**Mr. Hamid Ahmed**  
Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard  
will preside

**Prof. (Dr.) M. Afshar Alam**  
Vice Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard  
will Co-preside

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at 11.00 AM**

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**Mr. Hamid Ahmed**  
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**Prof. (Dr.) M. Z. Abdin**  
Organizing Secretary, Chairman, EQC

**Dr. Zeenat Iqbal**  
Convener, EQC

Vice- Chancellor Prof. M. Afshar Alam informed the audience that the theme for World Food Day this year is “**Our actions are our future- Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life**”. He said that it is essential to provide clean water and nutritious as well as hygienic food in order to avoid diseases and make people healthy. To achieve this, we have to ensure that from food production to its storage and distribution, at every step utmost precaution must be taken. He said that many organisations have come together to start ‘**Mission Aahaar Kranti**’, whose aim is to create awareness about hunger, diseases and malnutrition. He further informed that ‘**Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana**’ started in September 2020 will enhance fish production and this will aid in combating malnutrition in the country.



Addressing the gathering Mr Hamid Ahmed, Chancellor, Jamia Hamdard informed that Hamdard Laboratories is focussing on food technology and processing and in this regard a food factory has been set up at Aurangabad, Maharashtra, where production will begin from January 2022. The Chief Guest of the program, His Excellency Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari ji said that today there is no shortage of food in the country, and for this, efforts of agricultural scientists, thinkers, policy makers and leaders must be appreciated. He emphasized the role of Public Distribution System in providing food throughout the country. Shri Koshyari ji said that wastage of food grains and food items are forbidden in the religious texts of all religions and all the sections of the society, especially students and youth should not waste food.

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नई दिल्ली, 18 अक्टूबर( वार्ता ) महाराष्ट्र के राज्यपाल भगत सिंह कोश्यारी ने कहा है कि आज देश में खाद्यान्नों की कोई कमी नहीं है और इसका श्रेय कृषि वैज्ञानिकों, विचारकों, नीति निर्माताओं एवं नेताओं के अथक प्रयासों को जाता है। उन्होंने विश्व खाद्य दिवस के अवसर पर जामिया हमदर्द विश्वविद्यालय में आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम में शिरकत करते हुए बताया कि सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से देश भर में पौष्टिक भोजन एवं खाद्य सामग्री उपलब्ध कराई जा रही है और केन्द्र सरकार की सोच यही है कि देश का

कोई भी व्यक्ति अन्न से वंचित नहीं रहे। श्री कोश्यारी ने कहा कि सभी धार्मिक पुस्तकों में अनाज और खाद्य सामग्री को बर्बाद करने से मना किया गया है तथा समाज के सभी वर्गों विशेषतः विद्यार्थियों एवं युवा वर्ग को भोजन करते समय खाद्य सामग्री बर्बाद नहीं करनी चाहिए। इस मौके पर प्रोफेसर जैनुल आबिदीन ने कहा कि हरित क्रांति की वजह से गेहूँ और चावल की पैदावार में वृद्धि हुई है लेकिन तिलहन, फल और सब्जी की पैदावार में बहुत अधिक वृद्धि न होने के कारण भूखमरी एवं कुपोषण की समस्या अभी भी बनी हुई है। उन्होंने ज़रूरत से ज़्यादा खाना पकाने एवं बर्बाद करने को भी भूखमरी एवं स्वास्थ्य समस्याओं की वजह बताई।

Dr. Zeenat Iqbal, the convener of EQC in her Vote of thanks, expressed her gratitude to His Excellency the Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Koshyari ji for sparing his valuable time to deliver the inaugural address and grace this event. She also thanked to all the dignitaries, participants, faculty members, Registrar, technical and support staff, audience for attending the webinar and all the members of EQC, specially Dr. Nahid Zebi, Dr. Sapna Jain, Dr. Fazlur Rehman, Mr. Cherian for their help and support in Organizing this event.

The inaugural session was ended with National Anthem and departure of this Excellency the Governor of Maharashtra.

The scientific session started with the lecture of Prof. (Dr.) K.C. Bansal, Secretary, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, India. Prof. Bansal spoke on **“Genome Engineering for Food Security, Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture”** He shared the statistics, which projects the number of hungry people to be 840 million by 2030 and, hence, the need to tackle this problem at global level. Keeping in mind the problem of food shortage, the United Nations had listed sustainable development goal number two that talks about ending hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition through promotion of sustainable agriculture. Prof. Bansal said that for the first time United Nations organised a Food Systems Summit on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, in which it was emphasised to cut the global green house gas emission to half in the coming decade. Highlighting the advantages of genome editing, Prof. Bansal said that this has resulted in combined advantage of enhanced nutrition with climate resilience and high crop yields. Elucidating this point further, Prof. Bansal said that by 2050, the Earth will be home to around 9.7 billion people and Genome editing can help to feed this growing population and now the time has come to combine conventional plant breeding with precision phenotyping, genomics and genome based editing tools for sustainable green revolution.



Prof. (Dr.) M.Z. Abdin in his closing remarks said that through Green Revolution we have been able to increase the production of cereals, but the production of pulses and oil seeds are still low and this problem needs to be tackled to provide healthy nutrition to the people. Prof. Abdin shared statistics indicating that Indian households are second highest, when it comes to food wastage in the world and all efforts must be made to curb this for a better tomorrow. He said that on this occasion everyone should pledge to avoid food wastage and to distribute food to the needy.



The total member of participants in the webinar were more than hundred. This even was covered by both Hindi and Urdu news papers.