

Minutes of the interactive session to discuss the role of NetProFaN amid COVID-19
15th May, 2020

An interactive e-session was held under the chairmanship of Chairperson, FSSAI, to discuss the role of NetProFaN amid COVID-19 and to develop a road map for the next few months. The list of participants is placed at Annexure I.

The meeting started with a keynote address from CEO, FSSAI followed by a presentation highlighting the areas of collaboration between NetProFaN and FSSAI during COVID-19. All the Association Presidents (AFST, AOAC, IDA, IFCA, IMA, IPHA and NSI) presented their views on COVID-19 emphasising the activities conducted by their association and suggestion for FSSAI.

Chairperson, FSSAI at the outset emphasised that the Technical expertise of the NetProFaN members is important for preparedness of future pandemics such as COVID 19 as they serve as a unique think tank. She highlighted the following action points:

1. To ensure correct and uniform information dissemination of information, FSSAI is developing a guidance document-‘Eat Right India during Covid-19’. The framework would be shared in the coming week and all the members are requested to provide their inputs by 25th May, 2020. The document can specify the SOP’s for community kitchens, pre-ordered food at home etc. Subsequently small videos, mobile application and training program based on the document would be developed.
2. Traditional method of maintain hygiene and sanitation which are easy to follow would also be included in the guidance document on COVID-19.
3. IFCA and FSSAI would help in building trust in consumers when the food joints re-opens. For this, Hygiene rating needs to be popularised and adopted which involves training, audit and certification process.
4. For wider dissemination of the information it is important to translate the resources in regional languages. Students could also be enrolled in this activity by the chapters.
5. Suggestions and resources are invited for simple, non-technical innovative ways to reach out to frontline workers and citizens.
6. Eat Right Campus to be popularised among the institutions where the Associations are placed. With its emphasis on food safety, hygiene rating and audit, it is the need of the hour with respect to COVID-19.
7. Regional Thali/ healthy meals are to be incorporated in the Orange book- a guidance document for Eat Right Campus. All the NETPROFAN chapters are requested to provide regional recipes. IDA to moderate this activity.
8. FSSAI will explore the Deeksha platform of MHRD to showcase videos and training module related to COVID-19 for school students.

9. NSI and IPHA could guide in defining the research priorities and suggest Institutes for studies related to COVID-19.
10. AOAC is requested to review the training module of the food testing laboratories. The training should include the FSSAI regulations and testing parameters for the products.
11. NetProFaN presence is needed geographically across the country. Chapters should to be opened in the states/UTs where currently none exist. Association Presidents are also requested to nominate mentors for these states/UTs (attached at annexure 2).
12. All the Association Presidents and members are requested to provide their suggestions and queries by e-mail at NetProFaN.eri@gmail.com.

List of Participants

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5. Dr. Sanjay Rai, President, IPHA
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7. Dr. Prabodh Halde, AFSTI, Mumbai
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10. Dr. Sucharitha K V, Convener, Visakhapatnam
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13. Dr. Abhaya Joglekar, Co-convener, Raipur
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15. Ghazala Matin, Convener, Ranchi
16. Dr. A. Sundaravalli, Convener, Bangalore
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18. Dr. K.K. Abdul Rasheed, Convener, Thiruvananthapuram
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25. Dr Richa Chaturvedi, Co-convener, Jaipur
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27. Ms Dhanupriya S, Co-convener, Chennai
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36. Dr Poongodi Vijaykumar, Convener, Salem
37. Dr. Renuka Mainde, Convener, Nagpur
38. Shilpa Shirole, Convener, Pune
39. Dr. Sridevi, Coimbatore
40. Dr. Shanti, Coimbatore
41. Dr. Deepika Anand, Nutrition Specialist, World Bank
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States/UT to form a NetProFaN Chapter

1. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Bihar
4. Dadar and Nagar Haveli/ Daman and Diu
5. Goa
6. Haryana
7. Himachal Pradesh
8. Jammu and Kashmir
9. Ladakh
10. Lakshadweep
11. Manipur
12. Meghalaya
13. Mizoram
14. Nagaland
15. Punjab
16. Sikkim
17. Tripura
18. Uttarakhand