

Report of The Webinar on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking- Indian perspectives.

Organized by the Anti-Tobacco Cell, Central University of Tamil Nadu

On 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 3.00 PM IST

Google meet: <https://meet.google.com/gom-qohf-rge>

On the occasion of the 36th International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26th June, an awareness lecture on drug abuse on the topic **Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - Indian perspectives** was conducted online on Google Meet, organized by the Anti-Tobacco Cell, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur. Dr Ajeet Jaiswal, Associate professor, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, was the program's coordinator.

The awareness lecture began with a welcome address by Prof Sigamani followed by an introduction of the resource person, Prof. H. Prathap Kumar Shetty, by Dr Ajeet Jaiswal. Prof. H. Prathap Kumar Shetty is a Professor in the Department of Food Science and Technology, Pondicherry University. He has been working at Pondicherry University since 2009. His research deals with bio-prospecting microorganisms from fermented foods, developing quorum-based strategies for managing food-borne pathogens and developing sensors for detecting food contaminants.

Prof. H. Prathap Kumar Shetty delivered the awareness lecture on “Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - Indian perspectives” in which he went through many important aspects related to drug abuse drawn from a variety of sources including the Bhagavad Gita, World Drug Report 2021, Drug Abuse in India, Drug abuse Problems in Women, Impact and Causes of Drug abuse, Narco-Terrorism, Drug economy, etc. He also focused on the impacts, causes and other aspects and problems of drug abuse in India and in the world. Prof. Shetty explained the economic aspects of the drug trade as well as various International Treaties and Conventions. In his lecture, Prof. Shetty also described the current legal scenario in India and the agencies that regulate and enforce drug-related laws. He concluded by saying that it is time to spread awareness, particularly among the youth in India, about drugs and substance abuse and to create adequate centers for rehabilitation and treatment as well as to encourage human connections and positivity among the youth.

Dr Ajeet Jaiswal delivered the vote of thanks, thanking the resource person for delivering the awareness lecture. He also thanked all the participants who attended the awareness lecture and concluded the webinar with a powerful statement, i.e. Drug addiction is a curse on the society which is responsible for turning a vibrant young generation into pathetic parasites: **“We must say no to drugs and resolve to end drug addiction.”**

**Prof. H. Prathap Kumar Shetty delivering the lecture on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - Indian perspectives**

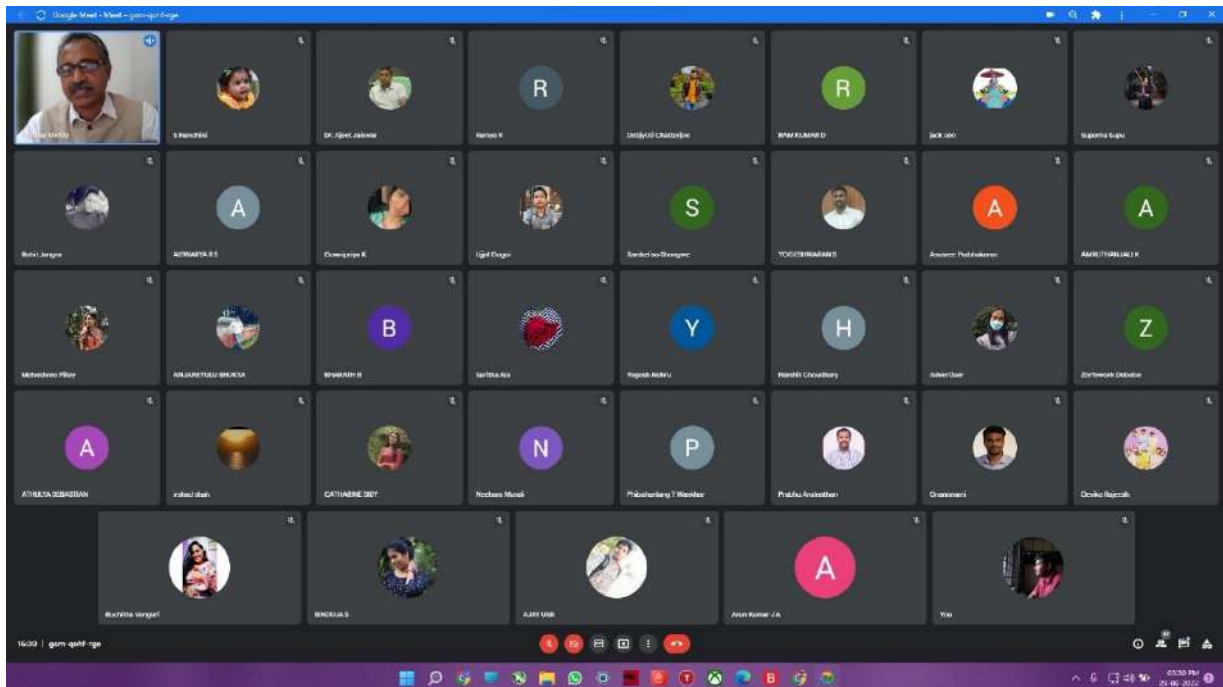
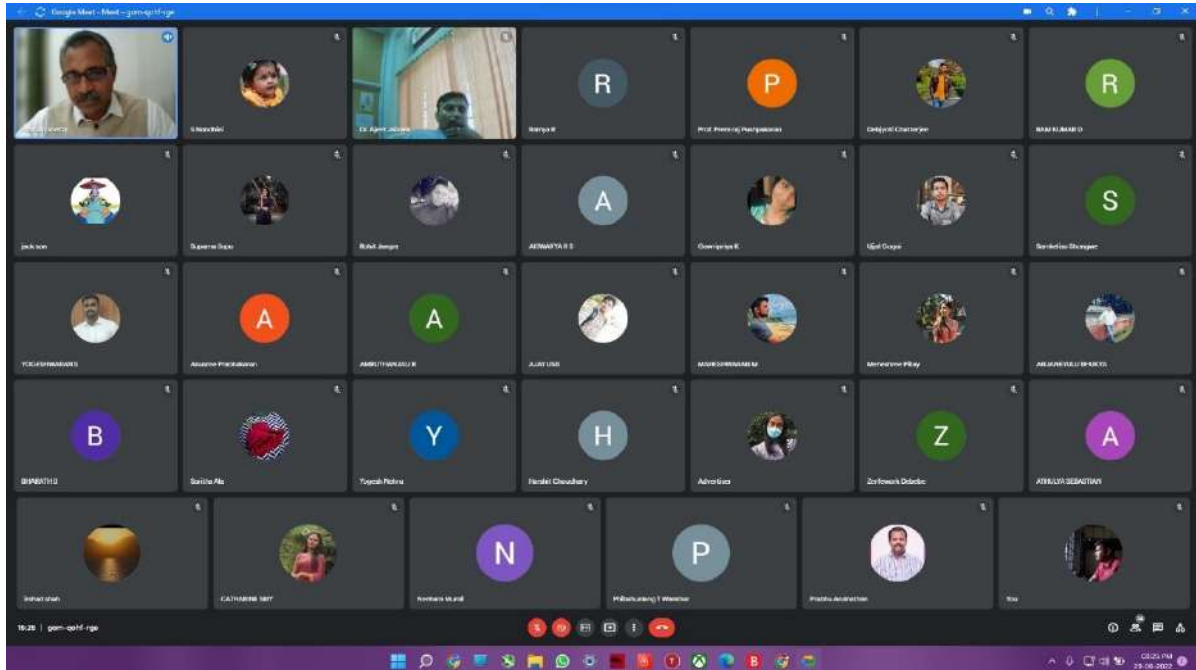


**“Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking—  
Indian perspectives.”**

**Prof. H. Prathap Kumar Shetty, FRSC**  
Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology  
and Dean Research, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry.



## Awareness Lecture on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking - Indian Perspectives- screenshots



**Around 40 participants attended the programme on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking -  
Indian Perspectives**