

Introductory session

1. Sunita Narain is the Director General of the Center for Science and Environment (CSE). She plays an active role in policy formulation on issues of environment and development in India and globally. She has worked extensively on climate change, air pollution, water, and waste management as well as industrial pollution that have led to an understanding of the need for affordable and sustainable solutions in countries like India where the challenge is to ensure inclusive and sustainable growth. She serves on national and international committees on environment.

2. Chandra Bhushan is the Deputy Director General of CSE. He leads CSE's research and advocacy programmes in Industry and Environment, Climate Change, Renewable Energy, and Food Safety and Toxins. He is also part of various national committees in India relating to energy access, renewable energy, and industrial growth.

3. Rajeew Sadanandan is the Additional Chief Secretary at the Department of Health and Family Welfare in the state of Kerala. He has spearheaded the development of the multi-sectoral Kerala Antimicrobial Resistance Strategic Action Plan, a first in the country and is also playing a key role in its implementation.

Pesticides management in India

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1. Ajay Vir Jharkar is a citrus farmer based in Fazilka in Punjab and Chairman, Punjab State Farmers & Farm Workers Commission. He is also the Chairman of Bharat Krishak Samaj which is a non-political association of farmers' advocating for farmer prosperity. He holds seminars and conferences and speaks at national and international forums on issues of relevance to farming community especially farmer prosperity and self-sustainability.

2. Ayanthi Karunarathne is a Public Health and Clinical Research Fellow at the Centre for Pesticide Suicide Prevention, and Pharmacology, Toxicology & Therapeutics of the University of Edinburgh in UK. A doctor by professional training, she also serves as the Director of Policy Analysis and Development at the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka. She has authored publications pertaining to issues of pesticide poisoning in Sri Lanka.

3. Sonam Taneja is the Programme Manager at the Food Safety and Toxins Programme in CSE. She is currently involved in managing the programmes on organic farming and pesticides and regulating bad food.

4. Vipin Bhatnagar retired as the Additional Plant Protection Adviser at the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage under Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare. He contributed to revising the Insecticides Act and setting standards for pesticides in India. After his retirement in 2015, he is an expert panel member of FAO-WHO joint meeting on pesticide specifications and a member on several committees constituted by the Central Government including the one to review banning of certain pesticides.

5. Balwinder Singh Sidhu is the Commissioner, Agriculture with the Government of Punjab and Member Secretary, Punjab State Farmers and Farm Workers Commission. He has previously served as the Director of Agriculture, Punjab. He contributes to formulating policy and planning and implementing development programmes towards making agriculture in the state sustainable and improve livelihoods in rural areas.

6. Surinder Maheshwari is a pesticide dealer in Jaito, Punjab.

Addressing Antibiotic misuse in food and Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

Chair: Anuj Sharma is the Technical Officer-AMR, Health Laboratories, WHO India where he is the focal point for AMR and public health laboratories.

1. Sunil Gupta is the Additional Director and Head of the Division of Microbiology at the National Centre for Disease Control in New Delhi, which is under the Indian Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. He is presently the national AMR focal point for India.

2. Rajeshwari Sinha is the Deputy Programme Manager at the Food Safety and Toxins Programme in CSE. She is currently involved in managing the global and national portfolio of the 'antibiotics and antimicrobial resistance' programme at CSE.

3. Adhiraj Mishra is a Livestock Officer at the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. He is the designated AMR focal point from the department.

4. Robin Paul is the Quality Manager at the State laboratory for livestock, marine and agri products of the Department of Animal Husbandry of the Government of Kerala. He is the AMR focal point from the department.

5. Pankaj Shukla is the State Nodal Officer-Quality Assurance of National Health Mission under the Directorate of Health Services of Madhya Pradesh. He is also serving as the nodal officer for developing the AMR strategic action plan for Madhya Pradesh.

6. Chandan Raina is the Head of Ingredients, Development and Sustainable Sourcing at Jubilant Food Works Limited.

7. Rama Sankar Naik is the Commissioner of Fisheries with the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Managing Director of Andhra Pradesh State Fishermen Cooperative Societies Federation.

Making organic a mass movement

Chair: Amit Khurana is the Director of the Food Safety and Toxins Programme at the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE). He leads campaigns on antibiotic misuse in food animals, junk food, pesticides and organic farming through research and advocacy.

1. Vineet Kumar is a Program Officer at CSE where he works on climate change and farmer-related issues. He is currently engaged in research and advocacy work to promote agro-ecology. He is also involved in setting up of an agro-ecological farming demonstration model.

2. T Vijay Kumar is the Advisor to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for Agriculture and Cooperation and Co-Vice Chairman of Rythu Sadhikara Samstha which a company for farmers' empowerment set up by the state government. He is leading the implementation of climate resilient Zero budget Natural farming in the entire state of Andhra Pradesh.

3. Kapil Shah is a plant breeder by training and has been promoting organic farming in Gujarat since 1985. He has trained several farmers to adopt and pursue organic farming practices and organized awareness programmes to promote organic movement in India. He is also amongst the founding members of Alliance of Sustainable and Holistic Agriculture and Organic Farming Association of India.

4. GV Ramanjaneyulu is the Director of the Centre for Sustainable Agriculture in Hyderabad. He works with farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh to establish sustainable agriculture models. He is also working with the Government of Andhra Pradesh to promote natural farming in the state and with NABARD in strengthening over 300 farmer producer organizations in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

5. Suresh B Desai is an organic farmer and trainer. He is a founding member of an Organic Farmers Club in Belgaum District of Karnataka, India. He has developed various farming techniques to increase the production of crops organically. His recent innovation is in light and air harvesting technology. He was honoured for his work by the Government of Karnataka as Krishi Pandit.

6. Arun Ambatipudi is the advisor at Chetna Organic in Hyderabad, an organization that works with small and marginal farmers in Maharashtra, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh towards improving their livelihood and making farming a sustainable and profitable occupation.

Regulating food labelling and claims

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1. Rekha Harish is a seasoned pediatrician and the Vice President North Zone of Indian Academy of Pediatrics. She was the Professor and Head of Department of Pediatrics in Government Medical College, Jammu and has several research papers and awards relating to health of neonates, children and adolescents in India to her credit.

2. Amit Khurana is the Director of the Food Safety and Toxins Programme at CSE. He leads campaigns on antibiotic misuse in food animals, junk food, pesticides and organic farming through research and advocacy.

3. Barry Popkin is the WR Kenan Jr. Distinguished professor at the Department of Nutrition of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health. He is a food science researcher who developed the concept of the Nutrition Transition, the study of the dynamic shifts in dietary intake and physical activity patterns and trends around obesity and other nutrition-related non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Popkin was an original member of the G-7 ("Group of 7") Food and Nutrition Security Initiative, the first mission to work with the former Soviet Union. He involved in evaluating an SSB tax and regulatory policies to create healthier diets and prevent obesity and other nutrition-related NCDs.

4. Kumar Anil is the Advisor of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India which is the apex food regulator of India where he is heading the Standards Division. The division is entrusted with the work of formulation of national standards and regulations for food products. He has also been the member secretary of the National Technical Committee of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on spices and condiments, drinks and carbonated beverages, oils & oil seeds.

5. Shweta Khandelwal is the Head of Nutrition Research at the Public Health Foundation of India, Gurugram. She assesses the nutrition epidemiology of non-communicable diseases and their risk factors among the Indian population. She also serves on expert panels constituted by FSSAI and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on oils and fats, sustainable healthy diets and combating high fat, sugar and salt. She has several papers and awards to her credit.

Regulating food advertisements in mass media and new-age media

Chair: Amit Baruah is the Resident Editor with the Hindu. He is an award-winning journalist with over 25 years of experience on writing on issues of South East Asia.

1. Anirban Mukhopadhyay is a professor and the Associate Dean at the Department of Marketing of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He studies the interplay between consumers' beliefs, emotions and self-regulatory decisions with substantive interests like food-related decision making, policy implications, and the interplay of consumption and subjective wellbeing. He serves in the editorial board of several reputed journals in the field of Consumer Psychology and has many papers and awards to his credit.

2. Uday K Sinha is a professor and the Head of Department of Clinical Psychology of Institute of Human Behaviour & Allied Sciences in Delhi. He specializes in child and adolescent mental health and has several papers and awards related to child and adolescent mental health to his credit.

3. Sonal Dhingra is a Deputy Programme Manager in the Food Safety and Toxins Programme and is involved in CSE's research and advocacy on regulating bad food.

4. Rujuta Diwekar is a nutrition and exercise science expert who is also a vocal champion of uncomplicating the act of eating. She has nearly a million followers from India and across the world on various social media platforms.

5. Sashwati Banerjee is committed to issues on human rights and child rights and is a Senior Advisor at Sesame Workshop India which creates engaging content to maximize the power of media to help children prepare for good school and life.

Limiting bad food in schools

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1. Rajiv Narang is a professor at the Department of cardiology of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi. He has authored about a hundred books and research papers. His latest study on hypertension in schoolchildren shows alarming results.

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3. Priyank Kanoongo is the Chairperson of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights in New Delhi. He is involved in undertaking research studies and consultations with stakeholders on regional and national level in the field of Child Rights.

4. Sweta Singh is the Joint Secretary (Academics) with the Central Board of Secondary Education where she works in the areas of development of curriculum, CBSE Science Exhibition, reviewing and strengthening pedagogical transaction, planning and organizing capacity building programs and ushering initiatives to enhance quality in school education.

5. Suryanarayanan B is a teacher with the Good Earth School in Chennai. He is passionate about Science and teaches the same.

6. Anuradha Joshi is the principal of Sardar Patel Vidyalayaschool in Delhi.