

Lecture on Food Security: Perspectives from India and Japan

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Venue: Manthan Hall, Lodi Road, NPC, HQ

NPC lecture on “Food Security: Perspectives from India and Japan” was organized on 23rd November 2022 as part of its continuing advocacy and capacity development activities. Sh. Tomio Shichiri, Former Country Representative, UN FAO was the keynote speaker. The lecture session was presided by Sh. Sudhanshu Pandey, IAS(Retd.), Former Secretary (Food). It was attended by Dr. Rajiv Ranjan, IAS(Retd.), Ms. Kyoko Hokugo, Minister (Economic & Development), Embassy of Japan in India, Shri D N Thakur, National President, Sahkar Bharti and senior professionals of NPC.

After presentation on activities of NPC by Ms. Binko Tirkey, Dy. Director, Agribusiness Group, NPC, Sh. Sudhanshu Kr. Pandey (IAS, Retd.), Former Secretary (Food), in his presidential address stated that the food security was critical for development of any country, and it has been even figured in Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) wherein target for Zero hunger has been set by 2030.

Sh. Tomio Shichiri, Former Country Representative, UN FAO, India made a presentation in Food Security: Perspective from India and Japan. He discussed upon the food crisis due to COVID-19 pandemic that had led to supply-chain crisis. He quoted example of global chip shortage wherein over-dependence on supply-chain from China and Taiwan had led to a global crisis. He further elaborated that the food security and energy security along with Health Security leads to National Security. He also shared time series from 2008-2021 regarding the major events that had contributed to Food crisis.

He shared “The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) 2022” by FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO wherein he discussed about the Food Insecurity Experience scale. Further, he talked about The Global Alliance for Food Security (GAFS) which was established jointly by G7 Presidency (Germany) and WB to catalyze an immediate and concerted response to the unfolding global hunger crisis.

Sharing the Japan’s perspective, he indicated that present Japan’s Food Self-Sufficiency Rate is 38%, which fall from 73% in 1986. The present dependency of 62%

on import for Japan is highly alarming. He referred to the Japan's 6th industry approach: primary industry (1) x secondary industry (2) and tertiary industry (3) = the 6th industry). Sharing his thoughts on the Indian Food Security scenario, he presented data for projected Food Demand & Required Growth in Production for a Healthy India in 2035 and also shared change in Agriculture contributions as compared to other sectors over past few decades. He further referred to the Report of the Committee on Doubling Farmers' Income.

Sh. D N Thakur observed that Food Security must be complimented with Energy Security and future of food and energy lies in energy space. India has big asset in form of its population, and we have to capitalise upon this strength.

Sh. Sudhanshu Pandey in his closing remarks urged the need for supporting sustainable food consumption.

Book on Agriculture vision: 2030 was presented by Mr. Tomio Schiri during the programme to Sh. Sudhanshu Pandey IAS(Retd.), Sh. D N Thakur, and Dr. Rajiv Ranjan, IAS (Retd.), Director, ICRO.

At the closing session, vote of thanks was proposed by Sh. S P Singh, Director & GH(AB) wherein he on behalf of Agribusiness Group, NPC thanked Director General, NPC for giving opportunity to group to organize this lecture session. He further thanked all the esteemed guest who participated in the session and shared their thoughts on Food Security Scenario.

Youtube link for Lecture session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xUTOOqQsh0>



Dr. Sundeep Kr. Nayak, IAS, DG, NPC welcoming Sh. Tomio Shichiri, Former Country Representative, UN FAO



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Lecture session in progress



Group Photograph