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EXPERT LECTURE

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CHALLENGES &
OPPORTUNITIES IN
FOOD INDUSTRY
DURING COVID-19

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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Event Report

The Association of Food Technology, Department of Food Technology, HBTU Kanpur, successfully organized an Expert Lecture on 19 November 2021 titled “**Challenges & Opportunities in Food Industry during COVID-19**”. The program was conducted as part of the university’s 100+ years centenary celebrations (1921–2021) with the objective of sensitizing students to the real-time industrial challenges and emerging opportunities faced by the food sector during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The session was graced by **Mr. Suraj Kumar, Manager – Co-Manufacturing, Nestlé India Limited**, as the keynote speaker. In his address, he shared valuable industry perspectives on supply chain disruptions, operational challenges, workforce management, food safety concerns, and adaptive strategies adopted by the food industry during the pandemic. He also highlighted the opportunities that emerged in areas such as process optimization, digital transformation, co-manufacturing models, and resilience planning within food systems.

The program was organized under the **patronage of Prof. Shamsheer, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor**, HBTU Kanpur. **Dr. Vivek Kumar, Professor & Head, Department of Food Technology**, served as Chairman, while **Dr. Alak Kumar Singh, Professor, Department of Food Technology**, acted as Convenor. Their guidance and leadership ensured the smooth and effective conduct of the event.

More than 50 Students and faculty members actively participated in the lecture and subsequent interaction, gaining practical insights into industry preparedness, crisis management, and future career prospects in the food sector. The event concluded on an informative and motivating note, reinforcing the importance of adaptability, innovation, and strategic thinking for food technologists in times of global challenges.

Glimpses of the event

