College of Food Processing Technology & Bio-energy, Anand Agricultural University, Anand has successfully organized an International Webinar Series on “Nutrition and Health: Eat Right, Bite by Bite” from September 21-25, 2020 under the RKVY RAFTAR Agri Business Incubator Project of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare being operated at the College.

The webinars were organized using zoom application with live streaming with technical help from Director of Information Technology and his team on youtube channel of College of Food Processing Technology and Bio-Energy, Anand Agricultural University.

About, 683 participants registered for the webinars including 235 participants from industry & academia and 359 students from various organisations including IIT Kharagpur, BHU, Anna University, ICT Mumbai, NIFTEM, Kundli, SLIET, Longowel, MPUAT, Udaipur, TNAU, Tamilnadu, JAU, Junagadh, NAU, AAU, Anand, ITC, Wagh Bakri Tea, CPCRI, to name few. The participants from various countries like USA, UK, NewZealand, Phillipines, Indonesia, UAE, Cameroon and Uganda registered for this event.

In the inaugural session Dr. R. V. Vyas, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor highlighted the need of entrepreneurship to make our country atmanirbhar. He also emphasised the importance of nutrition during COVID-19.

The first lecture in this series was delivered by Mr. Indranil Chatterjee, Regional Product Line Manager - South East Asia & South Asia at DuPont Nutrition & Health, on “The rise of Plant Protein- New Opportunities in Food & Beverages”. In the second lecture Dr. Komal Chauhan, Assoc. Professor and Head Food Science and Technology, NIFTEM, Haryana talked on “Functional Food and Nutraceuticals for Diabetics”. Third lecture by Dr. Renu Mogra, Professor, Foods and Nutrition, MPUAT, Udaipur enlighten the participants on “Health Challenges of Covid - 19 and their Management through Diet and Life Style Modifications”. In fourth lecture Dr. Lakshami A. Dave, Research Officer, Massey University, New Zealand, deliberated on “Food and gut endogenous protein-derived bioactive peptides: A new link in gut and overall health” and in the last lecture Mr. Ashish Anand, Senior Director, Global Beverages, R &D, Pepsico, New York dealt with tackling real problems in food industry through his talk on “Advance Food Technologies for Healthy Nutrition".
The webinar was organised with the support and technical guidance from Dr. R F. Sutar, Principal and Dean College of Food Processing Technology and Bio-Energy and Project Incharge (RABI) as well as convenor of the webinar. Dr. H Pandey, Co-PI, RABI as organising secretary along with the team of joint organising secretaries Dr. Amee Ravani and Dr. R B. Modi, Co-ordinators Dr. S. Bhise, Dr. G P Tagalpallewar, Er. Nilesh Sardar, Er. Piyush Moradiya were instrumental in smooth conduction of the webinar series.

Some of the glimpses of the event are as follows: