

# LAUNCH OF WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME OF LABS TO BUILD THEIR MICRONUTRIENT TESTING CAPACITY IN FORTIFIED EDIBLE OIL & WHEAT FLOUR



In a significant stride towards advancing nutrition research, the Capacity Programme for Labs to Enhance Micronutrient Testing Capability in Fortified Edible Oil & Wheat Flour was inaugurated on January 10, 2024, at the Auditorium of the Centre of Excellence in Unani Medicine (Pharmacognosy & Pharmacology), Jamia Hamdard. The workshop served as a pivotal platform for experts, researchers, and professionals, underscoring the collaborative efforts propelling progress and innovation in the nutrition field.

The event witnessed participation from delegates across various fields, reflecting the diverse and engaged audience. The proceedings began with a Green Inauguration and the recitation of Quranic verses in the esteemed presence of Chief Guest Prof M Afshar Alam, Vice Chancellor of Jamia Hamdard, and Guest of Honor Maj Gen (Dr) Raman Marwaha, Former Additional Director at DRDO.

Structured into two informative sessions, the first part commenced with an enlightening talk by Prof (Dr) Madan M Godbole, a distinguished professor and Research advisor at KAHER, focusing on the Background of the Capacity Building Program for Micronutrient Testing. Following this, Maj Gen (Dr) Raman Marwaha presented on Micronutrient Deficiency Disorders and Government Efforts in Providing Fortified Staples. Chief Guest Prof M Afshar Alam addressed the session, providing valuable insights and concluding the first part.

The second session featured a presentation by Dr. Kapil Yadav, Additional Professor at the Centre for Community Medicine (CCM), AIIMS, New Delhi. This was followed by presentations from Dr. Supreet Kaur, Head of Programmes & Policy at GAIN, New Delhi, and Ms. Priya Bhattacharya, Senior Project Associate at GAIN, New Delhi. Prof Dr. Madan M. Godbole continued the session with a comprehensive talk on Micronutrient Analysis of Fortified Staples, Gap Areas & Training Opportunities. Prof. Dr. Sayeed Ahmad, Head of the Food Technology Department and Director of the Centre of Excellence at Jamia Hamdard, provided concluding remarks for the session.

The workshop concluded with expressions of gratitude extended to the organizing team and sponsors, signifying the success of an enlightening event that significantly advanced the discourse on Micronutrients. The program was jointly organized by the Food and Micronutrient Analysis Laboratory at KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research (Deemed-to-be-University), Belagavi, Karnataka, in association with the Department of Food Technology, School of Interdisciplinary Sciences and Technology (SIST), Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi.