

Probiotic Awareness Day for school children at SMC College, Anand



SMC College of Dairy Science, Kamdhenu University, Gujarat, in association with Gut Microbiota and Probiotic Science Foundation, India and Swedish South Asian Network on Fermented foods organized "PROBIOTIC AWARENESS DAY"- An awareness program and contest for school children on 25th June 2023. It was organized with the aim of increasing awareness about probiotics, gut health and good foods among school children and widening their horizons of scientific inquisitiveness by providing a platform for oral presentations.

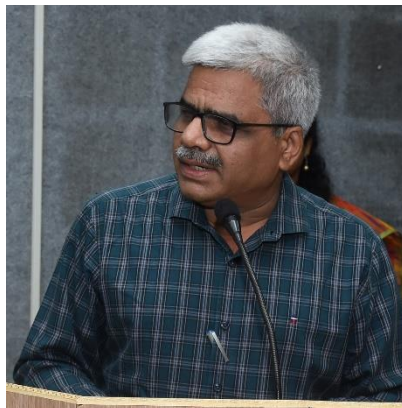




Twenty schools in and around Anand town enthusiastically participated in the contest and presented on the topic ‘Probiotics and Human Health’. The award ceremony was graced by presence of Dr. D. B. Patil, Director of Research & Dean, PG Studies, **Kamdhenu University**, Mr. Eiji Amano, MD, Yakult Danone India Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi, Dr. Neerja Hajela, Secretary General, Gut Microbiota and Probiotic Science Foundation India and Dr. J. B. Prajapati, Coordinator, SASNET-Fermented Foods and Chairman, Indian Dairy Association, West Zone.



Dr. Atanu Jana, Principal SMC College of Dairy Science, in his welcome address spoke about the importance of probiotic foods in our daily lives. Dr. J. B. Prajapati, Coordinator, SASNET-Fermented Foods, enlightened the audience on probiotic strains, their health benefits and difference between



probiotic and normal fermented foods. Dr. D. B. Patil, Director of Research & Dean, PG Studies, endorsed the importance of probiotics on health and the stated that the benefits offered by probiotic foods are strain specific. He also spoke about a wider market of probiotic foods catering to specific needs like women's health, mental health, etc.

Mr. Eiji Amano, MD, Yakult Danone India Pvt. Ltd., remarked that he was overwhelmed by the knowledge of school students about probiotics and their health benefits. He added that the mission of "YAKULT" is to contribute to the health and happiness of people. Dr. Neerja Hajela, Secretary General, Gut Microbiota and Probiotic Science Foundation India, also spoke on the significance of gut microbiota for human immunity and the role of probiotic foods in this direction.



The judges of the contest were Dr. R. K. Shah, Retired Professor, SMC College of Dairy Science and Dr. Manisha Gohel and Dr. Rupal Patel, both Professors from Pramukh Swami Medical College, Karamsa. Among the participants from English medium schools, Durva Nileshkumar Trivedi of Shrishti English Medium School secured the first prize, while second and third prizes were awarded to Prachi H. Prajapati of Shri Shri Ravishankar Vidhyamandir and Nidhi Kamleshkumar Patel of Vatsalya International School. The consolation prize was presented to Prajapati Jiya Asvin of DZ Patel School.



Prey Hasmukhbhai Patel of Shree RA Patel Gyanjyot Gujarati medium, Sejalben Kanubhai Solanki of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel High School, Maharshi Ronakkumar Patel of Gnanyagna Vidhyalaya, Mogri secured first, second and third awards amongst Gujarati medium schools. Rajodiya Akshar Arvindhbhai from DN High School was awarded the consolation prize. A film on 'YAKULT' was showcased on this occasion. The program was concluded with a vote of thanks by organizing secretary Dr. Sreeja V. All the participating schools were presented mementos on this occasion.

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An Awareness Programme and Contest for School Children



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