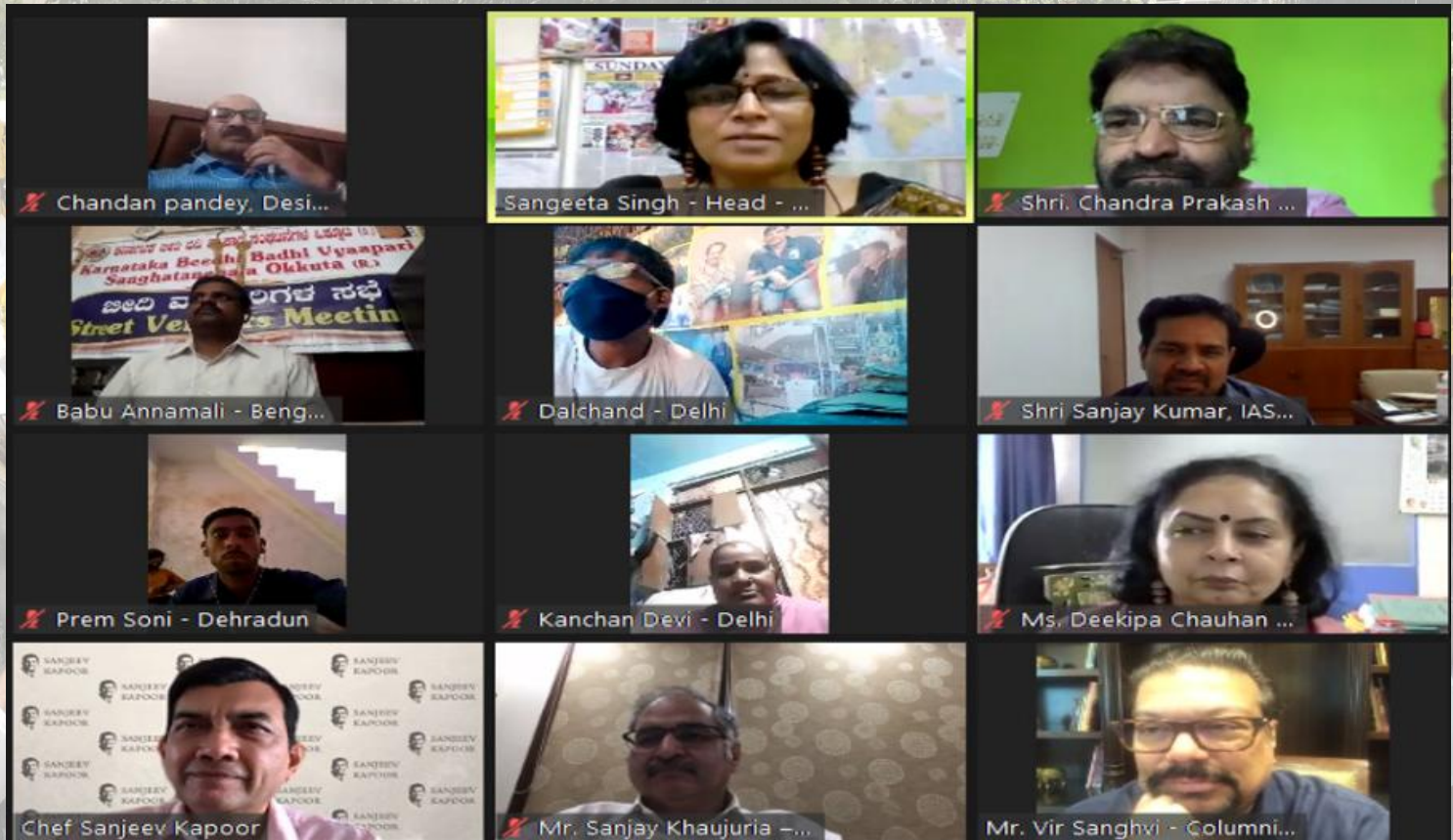


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## **NASVI organized Street Food webinar for Street vendors**

### **Government officials, World famous Chefs, Bloggers, social activists, corporate head and vendor leaders were the panelists.**

National Association of street vendors of India organized a Street Food webinar on 5th September, 2020 from 12 PM to 2 PM. Around, 5000 vendors joined the webinar through zoom and facebook live.

#### **Panelists –**

- Shri Sanjay Kumar, IAS Joint Secretary (NULM), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs,
- Shri. A L Hek - Minister for Health and Family Welfare - Govt of Meghalaya
- Ms. Deekipa Chauhan - Deputy Commissioner - FDA, Gujarat;
- Mr. Sanjay Khaujuria – Director Corporate Affairs;
- Mr. Sharad Agarwal, Director – FSSAI;
- Shri. Chandan Pandey, Designated officer FDA, Mathura;
- Mr. Vir Sanghvi - Columnist, Blogger & Writer;
- Chef Sanjeev Kapoor;
- Shri. Chandra Prakash Singh - President NASVI,
- Vendor leaders – ShalivanRanga – Hyderabad; GhanshyamParmar - Bhav Nagar; Renu Sharma – Jaipur; Kanchan Devi – Delhi; Ramesh – Hyderabad; Dalchand – Delhi; Anita Kumari – Varanasi; NishaKumari– Jamshedpur; HonajiChavan – Jalgaon; BabuAnnamali – Bengaluru; PremSoni– Dehradun; Ashok Sah – Patna; Vanshlal - Patna
- Ms. Sangeeta Singh – Head Food Program - NASVI was the moderator.

Panelists discussed the issues of street vendors amid COVID – 19 and how street vendors can take the benefit from government schemes.

**Shri Sanjay Kumar, IAS Joint Secretary (NULM), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, GoI** - He explained the steps taken by government to support the street vendors. They are working in supporting the street vendors through loans to the vendors under PM SVANidhi Yojna and proper implementation of street vending Act – 2014.

- PM SVANidhi Scheme is launched so that street vendors do not have to take loan from money lenders at high rates.
- All beneficiaries are being asked to be on digital onboarding and they have talked to different platform like paytm, google pay, phonepe to onboard vendors free of cost. With digital payment, vendor will generate transaction history which will help in taking the loan later on.
- Vendors whose survey has not been done can apply for LoR and submit their documents like any supporting for financial institution or banks; any help they have received during COVID – 19 by state, if you are member of vendors association or if you have any challan/ documents from municipality etc.
- Approx 5 lac applications have been received and 1,40,000 loans have been sanctioned. 40,000 have been done loan disbursement.
- Hon'ble Minister organized a webinar meeting with all the Urban Development Ministers, director general of police, superintendent of police, District magistrate and municipal commissioners from selected 125 cities and instructed them PM SVANidhi beneficiary should be disturbed. Anybody coming from villages should apply for LoR. After enquiry they can take benefit from PM SVNidhi Scheme.



**Mr. Vir Sanghvi - Columnist, Blogger & Writer** - street vendors are the really feeder in India. I am confident street vendors will be back selling the delicious food to everyone. Because of COVID, people have the misconception that street food is not safe and COVID is spread by food. But there are more chances in closed spaces like restaurants then in open spaces where street food is served. In many countries, they are encouraging the open restaurants for outdoor eating. So street food is much safer.



**Chef Sanjeev Kapoor** said he is really impressed how street vendors are taking steps for safety and hygiene during the pandemic. Worst is behind us and now we have to move forward with the changes. People now prefer to eat outside as it is safer. Street vendors will come out better and stronger.





**Shri. A L Hek- Minister for Health and Family Welfare - Govt of Meghalaya** said that government is supporting the street vendors in Meghalaya. They are also accommodating the street vendors in cities in different areas like mall. He has also development a hawker zone market in the name of his late mother where vendors are allowed to vend at free of cost.



**Mr. Sharad Agarwal, Director FSSAI** said Indian street food is famous all over the world. FSSAI tried to raise awareness among the street vendors about the hygiene practices. Also make common people understand that street food is very safe and hygienic and change perception of people that street food is very healthy and safe. Any street vendors can registered with FSSAI and get training also.



**Ms. Deekipa Chauhan- Deputy Commissioner - FDA, Gujarat** shared the steps taken by FDA in Gujarat to increase awareness and health and hygiene of street vendors in Gujarat.



**Mr. Sanjay Khajuria- Director Corporate Affairs - Nestle** said they have trained around 22,000 street food vendors with NASVI and FSSAI in around 18 states and it was a great success. Vendors get information and help they need for carrying their vending.



**Mr. Chandan Pandey, designated officer FDA, Mathura** shared steps taken by them to support the street vendors. We need more organizations like NASVI to support and direct street vendors in every district of the country.

**Shri. Chandra Prakash Singh - President NASVI** shared the changes in street food vendors' life after the COVID - 19 pandemic. He thanked all the panelist to encourage the street vendors.

