

## NPC Chairman highlights relevance of sustainable food value chains

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Director-General, NPC, Arun Kumar Jha, in his address, emphasized the importance and potential of the food processing industry. Image Credit: Twitter(@DIPPGOI)

A two-day [National Conference on Capacity Building of Sustainable Food Value Chains](#) for Enhanced Food Safety and Quality organized by [National Productivity Council\(NPC\)](#) in collaboration with [Asian Productivity Organization](#), Tokyo, Japan began in New Delhi today. The Conference was inaugurated by Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Chairman of NPC, Dr.Guruprasad Mohapatra.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Mohapatra highlighted the relevance of sustainable [food value chains](#) and the international standards enacted through the [Food Safety and Security Act](#), 2006. He also acknowledged the demand for [food safety](#) assurances leading to the proliferation of [food safety](#) and quality assurance programs.

Director-General, NPC, Arun Kumar Jha, in his address, emphasized the importance and potential of the food processing industry. Chairperson, [Food Safety and Standards Authority of India](#), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Rita Teotia, in her keynote address said

that there is a need to develop the mitigation strategies for curbing [food wastages](#), enhancing food security and food quality.

Dr. Manickam Asaithambi, [Asian Productivity Organization](#), Japan, lauded the efforts of NPC to organize this program on sustainable [food value chains](#) which are an international phenomenon. Dr. Manickam Asaithambi expressed hope that the outcomes of the conference will lead to developing sustainable strategies for [food safety](#) in India. Technical sessions on various aspects of [food value chains](#), [food safety](#), and quality will be conducted during the conference which will conclude tomorrow.