

Our Coordinator
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Professor Jashbhai B. Prajapati is the Coordinator for SASNET-FF since its inception. He is the pioneer in working on beneficial lactic acid bacteria as probiotics in fermented milks in India under the able leadership of his mentor, Dr JM Dave. He is a Dairy Technology graduate from Gujarat Agricultural University and Ph.D. in Dairy Microbiology from National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, India. Since last 38 years, he is serving at the Faculty of Dairy Science in various capacities and from March 2015, he is the Principal & Dean of the Faculty of Dairy Science at Anand Agricultural University. He is also Chairman of Vidya Dairy and Vice President of Indian Dairy Association, Gujarat State Chapter. He is a renowned academician and scientists in the area of probiotics and fermented foods. He is handling number of research projects sponsored by ICAR, DBT, State Govt., EU, SIDA and has published more than 400 papers, including two text books. He has guided 32 MTech and 8 PhD students. He was awarded Chancellors Gold medal for being the best student in the University in 1984 and has received 5 times best paper awards. He had Fellowship award from Erasmus Mundus (EU) as well as Indian National Science Academy. He is a Fellow of Indian Dairy Association as well as Fellow of National Academy of Dairy Science. He is a recipient of Hari Ohm Ashram Award 2015 from Indian Council of Agricultural Research for his outstanding research contribution in probiotics. He is Associate Editor of International Journal of Fermented Foods, International Journal of Probiotic and Prebiotics and reviewer for many scientific journals and serving as an expert member for many other universities and institutions. He is Chairman of Scientific panel on milk and milk products of FSSAI. He is also a Member in Indian National Committee of International Dairy Federation (IDF) in 3 groups viz., Probiotics, Lactic acid bacteria & starters and Microbiological methods for analysis and a member of Task Force on Inventory of Microorganisms with a Documented History of Use in Foods. He has widely travelled in Europe and many other countries and has delivered lead talks in many conferences including IFT, IDF, IPC, AOAC, ILSI, etc and has organized several conferences and workshops for building the network on fermented foods. He is a Life member of several professional bodies like AFSTI, IDA, AMI, ISCA, GAAS, PAI, Biosensor Society of India, etc.

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