

From Plate to Health: How Broccoli is Inspiring Smarter Food Choices in India

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At a recent Broccoli Consumption Conference held in Mumbai, voices from across food, health, sports, and agriculture came together to talk about something refreshingly simple: eating better, every day. The discussions focused on preventive nutrition, the importance of vegetables in daily diets, and how smarter food choices can improve public health while also supporting farmers.



Chef Sanjeev Kapoor with Sakata Seed Team

Held under the theme “From Soil to Soul, From Farm to Fork: Daily Broccoli, a Treasure of Health,” the conference looked at how simple, wholesome foods can play a meaningful role in addressing lifestyle-related health issues and building more sustainable food systems.

The event saw participation from several renowned dignitaries and celebrities, including Padma Shri awardee and celebrity Chef Sanjeev Kapoor, former Indian Cricket Captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth, and Model, nutritionist and wellness expert Claudia Ciesla, who shared valuable insights on food, health, and innovation.



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Sharing his expert insights, **celebrity Chef Sanjeev Kapoor** highlighted broccoli's growing acceptance and versatility in Indian kitchens. *"Broccoli is no longer exotic or expensive. It is local, nutritious, visually appealing, and extremely versatile. The time for broccoli has truly come,"* he said. He emphasized the importance of celebrating vegetables to encourage healthier eating habits and noted that greater awareness and use would make such ingredients even more accessible and affordable for Indian households.



Nutritionist and wellness expert Claudia Ciesla

Former Indian Cricket Captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth drew parallels between sports and life, speaking about fearlessness, innovation, and embracing healthier food choices. *“Just like cricket, progress comes from taking bold decisions. Broccoli was once considered exotic, but innovation and awareness can make it part of every Indian plate,”* he said. He also shared his personal experience of regularly including broccoli in his diet and spoke about the rising focus on fitness and nutrition among Indians today.

In addition to that **Nutritionist and wellness expert Claudia Ciesla** also emphasized the value of returning to real, whole foods and moving away from processed diets. *“Good health does not come from fancy products or shortcuts. It comes from simple, real food choices we make every day. Broccoli is an affordable, locally grown vegetable that delivers powerful*

nutrition for long-term health," she said. She further highlighted India's paradox of overeating while remaining malnourished and stressed that fiber-rich vegetables can play a crucial role in preventing lifestyle diseases, improving gut health, and supporting women's nutrition.

Cooking Competition Adds a Culinary Dimension

A major highlight of the conference was the Broccoli Cooking Contest, which brought broccoli's culinary potential to life. The competition was judged by Chef Sanjeev Kapoor, adding credibility and inspiration to the showcase.

Home chefs from across the country presented innovative recipes, with winning dishes including Broccoli Bomb & Broccoli Paratha, Triple Broccoli Homos Bite Side Punch and Steamed Broccoli Cupcake. Other noteworthy creations such as broccoli chutney, stuffed broccoli with cheese, Florentine pasta with broccoli, and broccoli soup demonstrated the vegetable's versatility across cuisines.

A Step Towards Healthier Living

The conference aligned with national initiatives such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, reinforcing the link between healthy food choices, sustainable farming, and public well-being.

By combining expert insights, celebrity participation, and culinary creativity, the event reinforced that simple, everyday foods can play a powerful role in building a healthier and more resilient India.

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