Main objective of CCASIA is to promote regulations for food products: Dr Bakshi
21st session of FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee of Asia begins

“Traditions and rising protectionism are in rising and in this environment, the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) and CCASIA in particular offer us a great opportunity to work together to strengthen both the Codex systems as well as our regional cooperation.”

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Chairperson, FSSAI

She further mentioned that this gathering for the 21st Session of CCASIA would pave the way for furthering and ensuring food safety and public health along with trade and economic development in our region and beyond.

“Given the importance of food products and this being a critical area, it’s essential for us to establish a common ground for cooperation. They stressed upon creating a network of scientific and research institutions for the exchange of scientific facts and data for the region and worldwide, to create an IT enabled information platform to exchange information regarding food frauds and other areas of common interest”, she elaborated.

The role of capacity building initiatives between the Codex member countries in Asia, she mentioned that the countries need to pool their resources and provide support to least developed countries in the region, FAO and WHO have taken several initiatives in this direction.

“On behalf of India, FSSAI is happy to offer the capacity we have built up at the international working group for food safety and nutrition of Member States for such capacity building programs”, FSSAI Chairperson,

Rita Tewfick, Chairperson, CCASIA, emphasized the importance of regional cooperation and coordination, with a focus on food safety and quality issues. She highlighted the need for a common ground for cooperation, emphasizing the role of capacity building initiatives between the Codex member countries in Asia. She also expressed the commitment of India, represented by FSSAI, to offer capacity-building programs for such initiatives.