

Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

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Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the state-of-the-art National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel, Minister of State (HFW) and General (Dr.) V.K. Singh, Minister of State (Civil Aviation, MoRTH) were also present at the event.

Reiterating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's focus on wellness and preventive healthcare, the Union Minister said that India's traditional food habits and way of life should be adopted as 'our kitchen is our hospital'. "Good quality nutritious food can go a long way in keeping diseases at bay", he emphasized. Dr Mandaviya spoke of India's rich heritage of health and wellness whether it was in preventive healthcare, consumption of millets, or in practicing Yoga. Highlighting the value of wellness and lifestyle as important components in health, he said, "The people who will train at the National Training Centre of FSSAI will play a significant role in creating healthy citizens in the country, as they will ensure quality standards for food are followed in the country."

Talking about the challenge posed by food adulteration in the country, Dr Mandaviya said that FSSAI has formed a team along with State Authorities to crackdown on those who indulge in such malpractices. "There will be no tolerance to food adulteration in the country", he stressed. He stated that large scale testing would be carried out across the country and action would be taken as per Food Safety and Standards (Act 2006) against those found guilty.

Terming the training centre as "Lok Swasth Arpan Bhawan", Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel said that FSSAI has got a great responsibility of setting food standards in the country which touches everyone's life. He added that it is also our responsibility to ensure that the food we eat follows these standards.