

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS AND MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2019

1. Ongoing efforts in focus areas:

a) Notification issued regarding purified drinking water offered or sold through water vending machine.

b) **Eat Right India movement:**

- **Swasth Bharat Yatra**, the world's biggest cyclothon to nudge people to 'Eat Right' culminated in a grand finale in New Delhi after more than 100 days since its flagoff on 16th October 2018, World Food Day. The Concluding Ceremony was held at Central Park, Rajiv Chowk on 29th January 2019 with Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey as Chief Guest and many other dignitaries.

The goal of this Yatra was achieved through engagement activities and events in more than 2,100 locations along the Yatra and the creation of over 21,000 local, community 'Eat Right Champions' who would sustain this movement in the future. With more than 10 lakh participants and 2.5 crore people reached, the yatra has made 'Eat Right India' a people's movement.

The Swasth Bharat Yatra witnessed the enthusiastic participation from all states and UTs. The tremendous effort of these states was recognized through an Awards Ceremony at the Grand Finale in New Delhi. Tamil Nadu was declared the the 'Best State Overall' for its exemplary participation. Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra were adjudged the Best States with population above 3 crores. Punjab, Goa and Delhi were recognized as the Best States having population less than 3 crores.

- To engage with every section of the society, particularly the youth, the **Eat Right Creativity Challenge** is currently underway as a part of this movement. Over 75,000 students from more than 3600 registered schools have actively participated in on-the spot poster making competition.
- **Eat Right Start-Up Awards** were instituted to encourage entrepreneurs in the food ecosystem. The winners were awarded during the culmination ceremony in the categories of Food Products; Food Testing; Food Services; Community Outreach & Engagement.
- Several social innovations by FSSAI around building an enabling environment in the food safety ecosystem were showcased and celebrated on 28th January 2019. These initiatives were highlighted in each state during the Swasth Bharat Yatra and included RUCO; Clean Street Food; Hygiene + Rating; Save Food, Share Food, Share

Joy. This event was organized to take stock of what has happened so far, recognize partners and shed light on the way forward for each of these initiatives.

- c) Under FoSTaC (Food Safety Training and Certification) initiative, 456 training programmes were conducted during January, 2019, in collaboration with various training partners.
- d) After India's first Clean Street Food Hub at Kankaria Lake, Ahmedabad in Association with FDA, Gujarat, three more locations have been declared as potential Clean Street Food Hubs by FSSAI- Urban Chowk Ahmedabad and Gopi Talav Surat from Gujarat and 56 Dukaan, Indore from Madhya Pradesh.
- e) Two interactive Radio Counseling Sessions were conducted in collaboration with IGNOU through Gyan Vani on subjects "Choice of Healthy & Safe Food" and "Swasth Bharat Yatra" on 05th and 26th January respectively, with a view to spread awareness about food safety among masses.
- f) FSSAI participated in Indus Food- a Global food and Beverage RBSM, organised by Trade Promotion Council of India during 14th-15th January, 2019 at India Exposition Mart, Greater Noida. for public awareness, consumer education, publicity of FSSAI's initiatives and to develop strong engagements with various stakeholders:

2. Strengthening of testing infrastructure and support systems:

a) Strengthening of State Food Laboratories (SFTL):

A Grant of Rs. 43.15 crore has been sanctioned for procuring high end equipment in 12 SFTLs and for setting up of microbiology laboratory in one SFTL. This includes grant of Rs.2.45 crore each to Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat (Vadodara), Haryana (Chandigarh), Manipur, Nagaland, Odisha, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow), Rs.8.45 crore each to Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal) and Meghalaya, Rs.4.20 crore to Goa for procuring high end equipment. A grant of Rs.1.00 crore has also been sanctioned to Punjab for the setting up of Microbiology Laboratory.

b) Strengthening of Referral Food Laboratories:

A balance grant of Rs. 1.5 crore out of total Rs. 3 crore has been sanctioned to ICAR-National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune for procurement of UPLC-QToF-MS with licensed software.

c) Food Safety on Wheels (FSW):

One more Food Safety on Wheels (FSW) has been delivered to Haryana. Now, Haryana has 2 FSWs. This has raised the total number of sanctioned FSWs from 41 to 42.

d) Capacity Building:

Two training programs on Good Food Laboratory Practices (GFLP) were conducted for the food analysts & other scientific/technical personnel working in State and FSSAI notified Food Testing Laboratories as per details given below-

S. No	States	Venue	Date	Number of Participants
1.	Maharashtra	Quality Evaluation Laboratory Spice Board, Navi Mumbai	15-17 January, 2019	31
2.	Rajasthan	CEG Test house & Research Centre Pvt. Ltd	28-30 January, 2019	33

e) **5th Food Analyst Examination, 2018:**

83 candidates were declared as qualified Food Analyst by the Food Analyst Examination Board in its meeting held on 09.01.2019.

f) **MoU with M/s Merck:**

FSSAI and Merck has signed a MoU to collaborate with each other for providing microbiological training at C-MAT situated at National Food Laboratory, Ghaziabad.

3. International initiatives:

- a) The 4th Session of Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs was successfully conducted in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala from 21st to 25th January 2019.
- The proposed draft Standard for Dried or Dehydrated Garlic as prepared and presented by India was forwarded to the 42th Session of Codex Alimentarius Commission for adoption at Step 5/8 (final adoption as Codex standard).
- b) India signed a contribution agreement with Codex Trust Fund Secretariat (WHO) for contribution towards the trust fund for a period of 5 years.