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**Contents for Monthly Achievements for the month of October, 2023
for uploading on FSSAI website**

Science and Standards Division

FSSAI under its Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020 has comprehensively outlined the information to be included on the labels of food products. Food Business Operators (FBOs) are encouraged to incorporate provisions that facilitate easy access to nutritional information for visually impaired individuals. In this regard, FSSAI issued an advisory dated 12.10.2023 regarding inclusion of QR Codes on Food Products for accessibility by visually impaired individuals. These QR codes should encompass comprehensive details about the product, including, but not limited to, ingredients, nutritional information, allergens, manufacturing date, best before/expiry/use by date, allergen warning and contact information for customer inquiries.

Quality Assurance Division

Three food testing laboratories (Regional Public Analyst Laboratory, Meerut, Food and Drugs Administrations Laboratory, Aurangabad and State Food Laboratory, Bengaluru) have been notified under section 43(1) of FSSA, 2006 and one primary notified laboratory M/S Merieux Nutri Sciences Bangalore Private Limited, Bengaluru has been de-notified. This has brought the total number of primary food testing laboratories to 234.

FSSAI conducted 10 training programmes in the month of October for State Food Testing Laboratories and FSSAI Notified Laboratories; Details for which are as follows:

S. No	Venue	Date of training	Topic	No. of participants attended
1.	Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore	4-6 October, 2023	Hands-on Training program on Analysis of Oils & Fats by GC & GC-MS	12
2.	National Research Centre on Grapes (NRCG), Pune	9-13 October, 2023	Hands-on Training Program on Analysis of Contaminants Toxins and Residues (Pesticides, Heavy Metals, Antibiotics, Dioxins, PCBs etc.)	8
3.	NIFTEM-Thanjavur	9-13 October, 2023	Hands-on Training on Testing of Rice Kernels and its Specificity	20
4.	NIFTEM-Kundali	10-11 October, 2023	Handling of ICPMS along with evaluation & interpretation of Test results, Measurement of Uncertainty and Method Validation / Verification	18
5.	National Dairy Development	16-20 October,	Hands-on Training on Residue Analysis of Milk & Milk	12

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	Board, CALF, Gujarat	2023	Products (Residues of Antibiotics, Pesticides & Heavy Metals)	
6.	Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Kochi	16-20 October, 2023	Workshop on Requirement for Proficiency Testing provider as per ISO 17043:2023 and Statistics as per ISO13528:2022	15
7.	National Research Centre on Meat, (NMRI) Hyderabad	16-20 October, 2023	Determination of Safety Parameters in Meat and Meat products as per FSSR 2011	9
8.	Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad	17-20 October,2023	Hands-on Training on Gas Chromatographic analyses of Oils & Fats	16
9.	Indian Institute of Toxicology Research(IITR), Lucknow	18-20 October, 2023	Advance Level of Training on LC-HRMS with Specific Matrix	14
10	Punjab Biotechnology Incubator, (PBTI), Mohali*	30 October – 3 November, 2023	Hands on Training on Honey Authenticity , Quality and Residues analysis (Pesticide & Antibiotic)	upcoming
Total				124

The Work for “Setting up of Microbiological Section and Installation of Equipment on Turnkey Basis” is under process for the following Laboratories:

Mumbai, Aurangabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Delhi, Kharar, Mysore, Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode, Ernakulum, Coimbatore, Guwahati, Shillong, Bengaluru, Meerut, Belagavi, Visakhapatnam, Raipur, Bhubaneshwar, Vadodara, Patna and Bhopal.

Flash Tea Surveillance-2023

Flash surveillance drive has been initiated from 27th September to 15th October by drawing the Tea samples of major Tea brands from 4 major cities to assess & ensure compliance of safety parameters such as pesticides and added colors as specified in FSSR. Around 300 tea samples from the stores/hypermarkets/supermarket/grocery shops/e-commerce channels have been drawn by CFSO from the regional offices. The Safety Parameters (pesticide residues and added non-permitted colours) will be analyzed by the NFLs.

Trade and International Cooperation Division

Advisory regarding Import of food consignment for 100% Export/Re-export purposes- FSSAI vide order dated 16th October, 2023 issued the advisory wherein, food importers/manufacturers or processors for their captive use or production of value-added products for 100% Export / Re-export may avail Exemption from FSSAI NOC by making a declaration to the Customs in prescribed Form no. 8 specified in Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017 at the time of filing Bill of Entry in ICEGATE. In case any BoE which is filed by Importer availing the above-referred

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provision and the BoE is still transmitted by ICEGATE to FSSAI's Food Import Clearance System (FICS), the concerned FSSAI official may issue "Not in Scope" certificate after verification of the documents with due diligence and without usual requirement of visual inspection, sampling and testing.

General Administration

Conducted "Swachhta Hi Sewa" cleanliness drive under Special Campaign 3.0 for institutionalizing Swachhata and minimizing pendency in Government offices - 2nd October, 2023 to 31st October, 2023.

Social and Behavioral Change Division

1. 48 social media posts were created and circulated for generating public awareness through different social media platforms of FSSAI.

2. Total number of certificates awarded under the Eat Right India initiatives are mentioned below:

S. No.	Name of Initiative	Total Number of Certifications
1.	Eat Right Places of Worship	6
2.	Eat Right Fruits and Vegetable Market	10
3.	Eat Right Campus	67
4.	Eat Right School	38
5.	Eat Right Station	8

3. Under Eat Right School initiative, Eat Right Creativity Challenge on Millets (Shree Anna) was launched on the occasion of World Food Day i.e 16th October 2023 in order to create awareness about the significance of millets among school children and to enable them to showcase their creativity and talent by participating in different competitions. The competition is being held under four categories namely "Poster Competition", "Rangoli Competition", "Slogan Competition" and "Essay Competition". The competition will run from 16th October 2023 to 26th January 2024.

4. An online Poster Making Competition was organized on 15th October 2023 for the children of FSSAI HQ Employees as a part of special campaign 3.0 for promoting cleanliness across the nation by reinforcing the concept of sanitation as everyone's business and make a significant contribution in building a Swachh Bharat.

5. The campaign named "Khadi Mahotsav" is being celebrated across the country from 2nd October 2023, beginning from the auspicious occasion of Gandhi Jayanti to 31st October 2023, the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel & the National Unity Day. For creating awareness about the use of Khadi products, employees of FSSAI HQ were told to send their selfie or group photo wearing Khadi clothes at iec@fssai.gov.in

6. Eat Right Millets Mela and Walkathon were organised in various parts of the country to raise awareness about the consumption of millets and its relevance among the society. A total of 6 Eat Right Millets Mela and Walkathon were organised across the country in the month of October 2023.

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7. The Eat Right India Summit 2023 was organized by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India and Confederation of Indian Industry on 31st October 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Training Division

Number of various trainings during the month

Name of Training	Number of trainings	Number of people trained
FoSTaC (FSS+COVID)	938	32125
Street Food Vendor (SFV) courses	113	4283
Training of Trainers (ToT) programs	04	55
Training of Trainers (ToT) program for FSOs/DOs of Andhra Pradesh	01	53
Induction Training Programme for Food Safety Officers of Karnataka, West Bengal, Meghalaya, Railways, Punjab and CFSOs (FSSAI) conducted from 09th October to 27th October 2023 at Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi	01	43
One-day Workshop on RTI and Public Grievances for all the CPIOs/FAAs and Nodal Officers Posted at Headquarters & NFLs/Regional Offices (Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Ghaziabad)	01	32

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