

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

Contents for Monthly Achievements for uploading on FSSAI website

February, 2024

Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

<u>SCIENCE AND STANDARDS</u>		
<p>During the month of February 2024, the meetings of the following Scientific Panels and Expert Committees were organised to formulate the standards of articles of foods and processing of applications for Vegan logo endorsement, non-specified foods, & other scientific matters respectively.</p>		
S. No.	Name of Scientific Panel/Expert Committee of FSSAI	Date
1.	Scientific Panel on Nutrition and Fortification	07.02.2024
2.	Scientific Panel on Packaging	08.02.2024
3.	Expert Committee for approval of Non Specified Food and Food Ingredients	14.02.2024
4.	Taskforce for developing the standards for use of Recycled Plastics including RPET as food packaging materials	15.02.2024
5.	Scientific Panel on Alcoholic Beverages	16.02.2024
6.	Meeting of the Vegan Foods Expert Committee	22.02.2024
<u>SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL CHANGE</u>		
<p>A total of 51 social media posts were created and circulated for generating public awareness through different social media platforms of FSSAI. Details of the social media posts is attached at Annexure-I.</p>		
<p>Total number of certificates awarded under the Eat Right India initiatives are mentioned below:</p>		

S. No.	Name of Initiative	Total Number of Certifications
1.	Eat Right Places of Worship	10
2.	Eat Right Campus	64
3.	Eat Right School	27
4.	Eat Right Street Food Hub	10
5.	Eat Right Station	10
6.	Eat Right Fruits and Vegetable Market	12

Eat Right Millets Mela and Walkathon are being organised in various parts of the country to raise awareness about the consumption of millets and its relevance among the society. One Eat Right Millets Mela and Walkathon was organised in Nashik, Maharashtra in the month of February 2024.

Annexure-I.

Details of Social Media Posts created and circulated in the month of February 2024 (SBCD)

Social Media Posts - February 2024		
S.no	Series	No. of Tweets
1	#FoSCoS	1
2	#FoSTaC	1
3	#Gulfood2024	1
4	#PMInaugurationEventRajkot(MFTL&FSW)	16
5	#RoadtoParis2024	1
6	#4thconsultationforum	1
7	#AyushmanBhavSamvad	1
8	#EatRightMilletMela&Walkathon	4
9	#EatRightSchool	3
10	#FoodSafetyonWheelsAwarenessDrive	2
11	#FoodSupplementsStakeholdersMeet	1
12	#Fortifiedfriday	2
13	#FoSTaC	6
14	#FoSTaC	2
15	#Gulfood2024	1
16	#HindiWorkshop	1
17	#MoUwithMerckLifeScience	1
18	#ReadTheLabel	4
19	#StateConnectMeet	2
Total		51

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Order dated 02nd February 2024 w.r.t Usage of the term “ORS” along with brand names was released in which FBOs are directed to ensure compliance with the conditions that they may use “ORS along with prefix or suffix in consonance

with section 17, Trade Marks Act, 1999 and to comply with the prominent declaration on their Front-of-Pack that 'The product is NOT an ORS formula as recommended by WHO'. Also they have to provide appropriate disclaimer as per FSS (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2018.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- 10 new microbiology laboratories have been inaugurated virtually by Honourable Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi on 25th February 2024. These 10 microbiology laboratories have been successfully established in State Food Testing Laboratories (SFTLs) across eight States:

1. Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow, Meerut),
2. Kerala (Ernakulum, Kozhikode),
3. Maharashtra (Mumbai),
4. Chhattisgarh (Raipur),
5. Assam (Guwahati),
6. Delhi (North West Delhi),
7. Andhra Pradesh (Vishakhapatnam) and
8. Tamil Nadu (Coimbatore).

Work for "Setting up of Microbiological Section and Installation of Equipment on Turnkey Basis" is under process for the following laboratories: Aurangabad, Jaipur, Mysore, Thiruvananthapuram, Bengaluru, Belagavi, Bhubaneswar, Vadodara, Patna, Bhopal, Solan, Varanasi and Ranchi.

- A total of 53 FSWs have been inaugurated on 25th February, 2024 virtually by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi in different States/UTs, which include Assam (17), Andhra Pradesh (4), Chandigarh (1), Himachal Pradesh (3), Jammu & Kashmir (6{Jammu (3) & Srinagar (3)}), Meghalaya (2), Uttar Pradesh (18) and Uttarakhand (2).

In the month of February 2024, 3 FSWs have been sanctioned for the State of Orissa. This has increased the total number of sanctioned FSWs to 408. Out of the total sanctioned FSWs, 10 Food Safety on Wheels (FSWs) have been procured by the State of Assam and 3 FSWs by the State of Himachal Pradesh in the month of February. The total no. of FSWs deployed in the country is 238.

- FSSAI has successfully conducted Second batch of 9th FAE Practical

Examination on 3rd- 4th February 2024 at four different examination centres.

- 4 New applications of Rapid Analytical Food Testing (RAFT) Kit/Equipment/Method have been approved.
- FSSAI conducted 8 training programmes in the month of February for State Food Testing Laboratories and FSSAI Notified Laboratories. A total of 258 participants attended these training programmes. Details for which are as follows:

S. No.	Name of the Laboratory	Date	Topic/ Safety parameters	No. of participants
1.	CSIR- Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad	6-9 th February, 2024	Training program on HPLC analysis of Oils & Fats (i) Analysis of tocopherols (ii) Analysis of Lignans (iii) Analysis of Oil & Fats Acid Value, Iodine Value, Saponification Value, Unsaponifiable matter, presence of mineral oils, castor oil, argemone oil etc., Peroxide Value, colour by using Tintometer, Moisture content using Karl-Fischer Apparatus	23
2.	Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Kochi	7 th -8 th February, 2024	Training program on opinion formation, FSS regulation, and integrated assessment	12
3.	NDDDB, CALF, Anand	12 th -16 th February, 2024	Training program on chemical analysis of milk and milk products (compositional parameters, adulterant analysis in milk)	12
4.	NRC Grapes, Pune	13 th February, 2024	Training program on opinion formation; Opinion writing: (i) Decision rule in pesticide residue analysis (ii) Decision rule in mycotoxin analysis	28
5.	NRC Grapes,	14 th February, 2024	Workshop on pesticide	70

	Pune	024	residue analysis for compliance to FSSAI Standards	
6.	ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore, Karnataka	20 th February, 2024	Workshop on Food Safety in Fruit & Vegetable products	77
7.	CFTRI Mysuru	21 st -23 rd February, 2024	Training program on Pesticide analysis in various food matrices	14
8.	NDDDB, CALF, Anand	26 th -27 th February, 2024	Workshop on latest analytical technique & quality tools used in Food analysis	22
Total				258

IT DIVISION

A) Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS):

Streamline Auditing & Enhancing Accountability: A new feature that lets FSSAI authorities monitor important transactions (like license/registrations issued, inspection conducted, sampling etc.) based on dates and IP addresses.

B) Food Safety Training and Certification:

- 1.) Provision for direct enrolment of already registered trainee while creating a new training calendar
- 2.) Authentication & Intimation to Trainer & Assessor while creating batchcode for FoSTaC training. An OTP will go to the Trainer and Assessor who have been selected for that training. The remark is visible to training partner as well
- 3.) Integration with FoSCoS for authentication of FoSTaC number while filling application in FoSCoS.

TRAINING

Name of Training	Number of Trainings	Number of people trained
FoSTaC(FSS+COVID)	1037	38666

StreetFoodVendor(SFV)courses	138	4944
Workshop(OfflineandOnline)onMissi onKarmayogion1stFebruary2024	01	145