

**भारतीयखाद्यसुरक्षाएवंमानकप्राधिकरण**  
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**अप्रैल, 2024**

**Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:**

**QUALITY ASSURANCE**

1. 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, Bhubaneshwar, Vadodara, Patna, Bhopal, Solan, Varanasi, Ranchi, Singtam, Rudrapur, Agartala and Bhuj.
2. The certificates of 6th Junior Analyst Examination 2023 were issued to 177 qualified candidates recommended by the Food Analyst Examination Board."

**TICD-IMPORT**

**Agreement For Recognition Of Official Control Exercised By Bhutan Food And Drug Authority (Bfda), Ministry Of Health, Royal Government Of Bhutan By Food Safety And Standards Authority Of India (Fssai), Ministry Of Health And Family Welfare, Government Of India.**

An Agreement is signed between FSSAI, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and Bhutan Food and Drug Authority( BFDA), Ministry of Health Royal Govt of Bhutan, at Thimphu on 21 March, 2024. The signatory for the above said Agreement were Mr. SudhakarDalela, Ambassador of India to Bhutan (from India side) and Mr. Pemba Wangchuk, Secretary, Ministry of Health, Royal Government of Bhutan ( Bhutan side).

This Agreement aims to recognize the official control exercised by BFDA on food business operators ( FBO's) as equivalent to FSSAI's requirement for export of food products to India; ensuring that food and agricultural/livestock products exported from Bhutan to India are safe, wholesome and meet FSSAI's requirements; reducing duplication in the inspection of products notified under FSSAI's import inspection scheme from time to time; to enhance the technical cooperation in the areas and activities that fall within the scope of their activities; and to establish a workable mechanism between BFDA and FSSAI; to develop, cooperate and facilitate the trade.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**A. Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS):**

1. ) **Online Adjudication** : Previously the online adjudication process was in offline mode through paper work. Now the same process is online through FoSCoS application.
2. ) **FOSTAC certificate authentication**: Provision for Validation of FoSTac certification on

Foscoc portal during submission of application by FBOs.

**B. Food Safety Training and Certification (FOSTAC):**

1. ) Provision for old FOSTAC users whose training certificates were expired can opt for refresher training in new FOSTAC application. More than 6 lakh trainees are eligible for refresher training.
2. ) Provision to verify trainer: Photograph upload provision is provided to trainer which will reflect in admit card of every trainee corresponding to respective training for authentication & verification of trainer.
3. ) Analytics dashboard: A comprehensive dashboard for all training related insights with visuals, trends & reports.

**TRAINING**

| <b>Name of Training</b>   | <b>Number of trainings</b> | <b>Number of people trained</b> |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| FoSTaC (FSS+COVID)  | 933                        | 51260                           |
| Street Food Vendor (SFV) courses  | 38                         | 2150                            |
| Regulatory Unit-Need Based Training Programme for Regulatory Officials (FSOs) of Himachal Pradesh on 02.04.2024 at HIPA, Shimla                             | 01                         | 14                              |
| Regulatory Unit-Refresher Training programme for Food Safety Officers (Batch-1) of West Bengal from 16.04.2024 to 20.04.2024 at NSATI, Kolkata, West Bengal | 01                         | 65                              |
| Regulatory Unit-Refresher Training programme for Food Safety Officers (Batch-2) of West Bengal from 23.04.2024 to 27.04.2024 at NSATI, Kolkata, West Bengal | 01                         | 65                              |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Induction Training Programme for Newly Recruited Officers/Officials of FSSAI  | 01                         | 45                              |

**SCIENCE AND STANDARDS**

During the month of April 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 of non-specified foods, & other scientific matters respectively.

| S No. | Name of Scientific Panel/Expert Committee of FSSAI  | Date       |
|-------|---|------------|
| 1.    | Meeting of the Working Group on "Review of Flavours" (WG)   | 02.04.2024 |
| 2.    | Scientific Panel on Cereal and cereal products (including bakery)   | 04.04.2024 |
| 3.    | Scientific panel on Labelling and Claims/Advertisements   | 05.04.2024 |
| 4.    | Expert Committee I for approval of non-specified food and food ingredients                                  | 18.04.2024 |
| 5.    | Scientific Panel on Food Additives, Flavourings, Processing Aids, etc.                                      | 19.04.2024 |
| 6.    | Expert Committee on Rapid Analytical Food Testing (RAFT)  | 23.04.2024 |
| 7.    | Meeting of Working Group on Microbiological Sampling and Analysis   | 24.04.2024 |
| 8.    | Scientific Panel on Method of Sampling and Analysis   | 29.04.2024 |
| 9.    | Scientific Panel on Nutrition & Fortification and Scientific Panel on Nutraceuticals, Functional Foods etc. | 29.04.2024 |

### SBCD

1. A total of 14 social media posts were created and circulated for generating public awareness through different social media platforms of FSSAI. Total number of social media posts is attached at Annexure-I and Details of the social media posts is attached at Annexure-II.

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 | 35                             |
| 2.     | Eat Right Campus            | 54                             |
| 3.     | Eat Right School            | 15                             |
| 4.     | Eat Right Station           | 2                              |

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| 5. | Eat Right Fruits and Vegetable Market | 11 |
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3. Eat Right Millets Mela and Walkathon are being organised across the nation to raise awareness about the health and nutritional benefits of millets among the citizens. An Eat Right Millet Mela was organized by Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration, Goa at RavindraBhavanMargao in South Goa.

**Annexure-I.**

**Total Number of Social Media Posts created and circulated in the month of April 2024 (SBCD)**

| <b>Social Media Posts - April 2024</b> |  |                      |
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| <b>S.no</b>                            | <b>Series</b>                                  | <b>No. of Tweets</b> |
| 1                                      | #LicenseMela                                   | 1                    |
| 2                                      | #AnnualReturns                                 | 1                    |
| 3                                      | #RefresherTrainingProgrammeforFSO              | 1                    |
| 4                                      | #SustainedTrainingmissiononMRA                 | 1                    |
| 5                                      | #CodexCompetenceWorkshop                       | 1                    |
| 6                                      | #MeetingwithImporterAssociations               | 1                    |
| 7                                      | #Awarenesscampaign                             | 1                    |
| 8                                      | #EatRightMela                                  | 1                    |
| 9                                      | #FoSTaCcertification                           | 1                    |
| 10                                     | #fortifiedfriday                               | 1                    |
| 11                                     | #WorkshoponStrengtheningIndia'sCodexCompetence | 1                    |
| 12                                     | #FoodSafetyAwareness                           | 2                    |
| 13                                     | #MeetingwithFRKandpremixmanufacturers          | 1                    |
| <b>Total</b>                           |  | <b>14</b>            |

**Annexure- II**

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

| <b>S. no</b> | <b>Tweet text</b>   | <b>Date</b> | <b>Series</b> |
|--------------|---|-------------|---------------|
| 1            | FSSAI's West Region Office organised a license mela for the first all-women clean street hub in Kandivali, Mumbai. Close to 90 applicant winners from Self Help Groups were assisted in filing their registration applications.<br><br>@MoHFW_INDIA <a href="https://t.co/TLjy45erjp">https://t.co/TLjy45erjp</a> | 4/20/2024   | #LicenseMela  |

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| 2 | <p>Attention Food Business Operators (FBOs)! Annual returns for FY2023-24 must be submitted by May 31, 2024, to avoid penalty. Submission is accepted online only through #FoSCoS (Food Safety Compliance System).</p> <p>For more details, visit <a href="https://t.co/kygaSlsRoW">https://t.co/kygaSlsRoW</a>.</p> <p>@MoHFW_INDIA <a href="https://t.co/A5dq5a8flr">https://t.co/A5dq5a8flr</a></p>  | 4/17/2024 | #AnnualReturns                        |
| 3 | <p>The inauguration function for the '05 Days Refresher #Training Programme' for #FoodSafetyOfficers of #West Bengal was held on April 16, 2024 at the Netaji Subhas Administrative Training Institute (NSATI), #Kolkata, West Bengal.</p> <p>(1/3) <a href="https://t.co/15rxhUJXIO">https://t.co/15rxhUJXIO</a></p>   | 4/16/2024 | #RefresherTrainingProgram<br>meforFSO |
| 4 | <p>5th Sustained Training mission on Microbiological Risk Assessment of Food is being organised under the Better Training for Safer Food (#BTSF) initiative of EU from 15th to 19th April 2024 at #FSSAI Headquarters, New Delhi. (3/3) <a href="https://t.co/kayU794qfQ">https://t.co/kayU794qfQ</a></p>   | 4/16/2024 | #SustainedTrainingmissiono<br>nMRA    |
| 5 | <p>The #Codex Competence Workshop at #FSSAI HQ concluded with a mock drill session on food safety standards for fresh dates, allergen labeling, coriander and ethylene oxide. (1/2)</p> <p>#FAOWHOCodex</p> <p>@mohfwindia @fao @who <a href="https://t.co/GbMd8cAas0">https://t.co/GbMd8cAas0</a></p>  | 4/13/2024 | #CodexCompetenceWorksh<br>op          |
| 6 | <p>CEO, FSSAI chaired a meeting today with Importer Associations such as Forum of Indian Food Importers @FIFI_INDIA, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry @ficci_india, Association of Food Scientists and Technologists (India) @AFSTII etc. to discuss the issues and challenges faced by importers in bringing food products into the country. The associations were briefed on recent advisories/orders issued by #FSSAI to strengthen the safety of imported food, along with trade facilitation measures. (2/2)</p> <p>@mohfwindia</p> <p>(1/2) <a href="https://t.co/WpfzYDIYYG">https://t.co/WpfzYDIYYG</a></p> | 4/12/2024 | #MeetingwithImporterAssoci<br>ations  |
| 7 | <p>#FSSAI launched an awareness campaign in collaboration with the @foodsafetydelhi targeting major markets in #Delhi. The campaign focuses on detecting and mitigating pesticide residue and contaminants in food products. The inaugural phase commenced on April 8, 2024, at Khan Market and INA Market. Market associations and traders were educated on the harmful effects of pesticide residue in fruits and</p>   | 4/8/2024  | #Awarenesscampaign                    |

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|    | <p>vegetables.</p> <p>@fssaiindia <a href="https://t.co/gtA1bmYeID">https://t.co/gtA1bmYeID</a></p>  |          |  |
| 8  | <p>#EatRightMela organized by FDA #Goa at RavindraBhavanMargao in South Goa witnessed demonstration of healthy recipes, chef competition, felicitation of Food Business Operators (#FBOs) and a session on Nutrition.</p> <p>(1/3) <a href="https://t.co/c5gsUEgRe8">https://t.co/c5gsUEgRe8</a></p>   | 4/6/2024 | #EatRightMela                                  |
| 9. | <p>Ensuring safe &amp; nutritious food for children! Mid Day Meal suppliers in #Goa got #FoSTaC (Food Safety Training &amp; Certification Course) training at the #EatRightMela organized by FDA Goa.</p> <p>@MoHFW_INDIA <a href="https://t.co/MfabhlFEAu">https://t.co/MfabhlFEAu</a></p>  | 4/6/2024 | #FoSTaCcertification                           |
| 10 | <p>फोर्टीफाइडगेहूँकाआटाआयरन, फोलिकएसिड, औरविटामिनबी12 केसाथमिलायाजाताहै, जोएनीमियासेलड़नेऔरखूनकेनिर्माणकेलिएमहत्वपूर्णहै।अपने आहारमेंइसेशामिलकरेंऔरअपनेपोषणकोसुधारें।</p> <p>#fortification<br/>#fortifiedfriday<br/>#eatrighteatfortified<br/>#plusF</p> <p>@MoHFW_INDIA <a href="https://t.co/7dADkmc5O1">https://t.co/7dADkmc5O1</a></p>                                      | 4/5/2024 | #fortifiedfriday                               |
| 11 | <p>Strengthening India's #Codex Competence: A 3-Day (Apr 5-7) Workshop organised by Codex Contact Point at #FSSAI.</p> <p>âžĳĳ, • "Empowering officers to engage meaningfully with the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) &amp; strengthen India's voice on global food standards." - CEO, FSSAI</p> <p>(1/3) <a href="https://t.co/66mJ8Da5U8">https://t.co/66mJ8Da5U8</a></p> | 4/5/2024 | #WorkshoponStrengtheningIndia'sCodexCompetence |
| 12 | <p>Love mangoes?Don't let unsafe practices ruin your experience! Ensure the #mangoes you buy are ripened naturally or according to approved practices by the #FSSAI.</p> <p>#foodsafety<br/>@MoHFW_INDIA <a href="https://t.co/zZIiz7zB4B">https://t.co/zZIiz7zB4B</a></p>   | 4/5/2024 | #FoodSafetyAwareness                           |

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| 13 | <p>आमभलाकिसेपसंदनहीं,<br/>परक्याआपकोमालूमहैकिखतरनाककेमिकलसेकृत्रिमरूपसेप<br/>काएगए#आमआपकास्वास्थ्यबिगाड़सकतेहैं?<br/>आमखरीदनेसेपहलेयहज़रूरसुनिश्चितकरलेकिआपकाआम#F<br/>SSAI केतयमानकोकेअनुसारहीकृत्रिमरूपसेपकायागयाहो।</p> <p>#foodsafety<br/>#mango<br/>@MoHFW_INDIA <a href="https://t.co/y3gq8kPs6u">https://t.co/y3gq8kPs6u</a></p>   | 4/5/2<br>024 | #FoodSafetyAwareness                      |
| 14 | <p>FSSAI's Eastern Regional office convened a crucial<br/>meeting with Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) and premix<br/>manufacturers in West Bengal on March 28, 2024.<br/>Discussions centered on enhancing FRK compliance<br/>with regulatory standards to combat malnutrition<br/>effectively.</p> <p>@MoHFW_INDIA <a href="https://t.co/TjvR2l4p8s">https://t.co/TjvR2l4p8s</a></p> | 4/2/2<br>024 | #MeetingwithFRKandpremix<br>manufacturers |