

भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा एवं मानक प्राधिकरण
वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करने हेतु मासिक उपलब्धियोंकी सामग्री

नवम्बर, 2024

1. Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

SCIENCE AND STANDARDS

During the month of November 2024, the meetings of following Scientific Panels and Expert Committees were organised to formulate the standards of the articles of foods and processing of applications of Vegan foods, non-specified foods & other scientific matters respectively.

S. No.	Name of scientific Panel/expert Committee of FSSAI	Date
	Expert Committee on Approval of Food for Special Medical Purpose (FSMP)	06 November, 2024
	49th meeting of Scientific Committee Meeting	12 November, 2024
	Expert Committee(EC-3) for Approval of Non-Specified Food & food ingredients	12November 2024
	Scientific Panel on Food additives, Flavourings, Processing aids & Materials in contact with food	13 November, 2024
	Scientific Panel on Pesticide Residues	21 November, 2024
	Scientific Panel on Fruits & Vegetables and their products (including dried fruits and nuts)	22 November, 2024
	Scientific Panel on Fish and Fisheries Product	28November ,2024

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has initiated a Pan India Surveillance on Spices in November, 2024 to assess the safety, quality and labeling requirements as per Food Safety and Standards Regulations (FSSR). Approximately, 4300 samples of seven spice variants viz. Cardamom, Chilli,

Coriander, Cumin, Black pepper, Turmeric, Cinnamon will be collected from hypermarkets/grocery stores/street vendors, etc from both organized (Packed) and unorganized (Loose) sectors in selected 250 Cities/Districts across all States and Union territories of the country. The samples will be analyzed in FSSAI notified National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accredited laboratories spread across the country.

Work on "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, Ranchi, Singtam, Agartala, Guindy, Imphal, Puducherry, Kolkata, Rudrapur, Bhuj, Kohima and Haryana (Lab in Chandigarh).

A total of 292 Food Safety on Wheels (FSW) units have been deployed, with 262 registered on the FSW portal and the remaining units undergoing RTO registration. Recently, 31 additional FSW units were procured by the states of Gujarat (10), West Bengal (14), Himachal Pradesh (4), Mizoram (1), and Meghalaya (2). The total number of FSW units sanctioned till date stands at 493.

Two days Onsite **Hands on Training of INFoLNET 2.0 portal** was conducted at **Food Safety and Drug Administration, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh** by FSSAI officials on **8th and 9th November 2024** for lab personnel of **FSSAI notified State Food Testing Laboratories (SFTLs) of Uttar Pradesh**, viz., Lucknow, Jhansi, Meerut, Gorakhpur, Agra and Varanasi. The training was imparted to SFTLs for efficient use of this platform to manage all the laboratory activities including profile management and generation of test reports, which will enable FSSAI to have real time data of all the activities carried out by the labs.

The results of the CBT for the 10th Food Analyst Examination have been published on the FSSAI website on 20th November 2024. A total of 840 candidates have successfully qualified for the 10th FAE CBT Examination 2024.

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE

Total number of social media posts that were created and circulated for generating public awareness through different social media platforms of FSSAI is attached at **Annexure I**. Details of Creatives is attached at **Annexure II**. Details of videos produced is attached at **Annexure III**.

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	40
2.	Eat Right Campus	60
3.	Eat Right School	41
4.	Eat Right Street Food Hub	1
5.	Eat Right Station	13
6.	Eat Right Fruits and Vegetable Market	2

3. Four episodes of Flavours of Shree Anna: SehatAurSwadKe Sang were aired on Doordarshan across 15 national and 15 regional channels. Flavours of Shree Anna is a millet-based recipe show being hosted by renowned chefs. The show featured engaging segments, including the preparation of traditional and contemporary millet dishes like Sesame and Finger Millet Croquettes, RagiChilla and other dishes along with the 'GyaankiBaat' segment, promoting the nutritional benefits of millets. This initiative aims to significantly expand the awareness of millets and enhance their reach and visibility among the citizens of India.

4. A Byte on the topic "समझदारीसेखरीददारी" was provided for the "DD Morning Show" which is being broadcast on Doordarshan National. It will focus on empowering consumers to make informed shopping decisions. As part of this initiative, FSSAI will communicate essential information about food safety, labelling and consumer rights, helping viewers understand how to choose safe and quality food products.

5. A webinar was conducted on 25th November 2024 with various stakeholders from the food safety sector to discuss and disseminate information on encouraging the adoption of the Eat Right India initiative. The primary objective of the webinar was to scale up this initiative to promote healthier food choices and improve public health outcomes.

6. FSSAI participated in the 43rd India International Trade Fair 2024 by putting up its stall under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's Health Pavilion, themed "One Health" that was held from 14th November 2024 to 27th November 2024 at PragatiMaidan, New Delhi. In order to spread awareness about the various aspects of food safety, Food Safety on Wheels was deployed for performing on the spot testing of food under various categories. NukkadNataks were also organised on various themes like Eat Right India, Aaj Se ThodaKam, Combating Adulteration, Fortification, FoSTaC Training, Importance of Licensing, Hygiene, Labelling etc.

7. Two Press Releases have been made in the month of November 2024.

(i) FSSAI Reinforces Food Safety Compliance amongst E-commerce Food Business Operators (FBOs). Link of the Press Release is mentioned below:

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2072832>

(ii) FSSAI 45th CAC Meeting Highlights Importance of Enhanced Food Safety for Tourist Destinations in light of Tourist Season. Link of the Press Release is mentioned below:

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2071719>

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Mandatory PAN Requirement for FSSAI License/Registration: In line with DPIIT's recommendation, FSSAI has mandated capturing of PAN for all new, renewal, and modification License/Registration applications on the FoSCoS portal, effective 22nd October 2024. Existing FBOs must update their PAN details on the FoSCoS portal if renewal or modification is not due in the near future. For FBOs applying for registrations without a PAN, a declaration of non-possession is required to be submitted [FSSAI Order dated 13th Nov 2024].

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Initially, the **Tatkal License and Registration** facility, which allows businesses to expedite the process of obtaining licenses and registrations, has been made available **PAN-India**, excluding a few states. The **Tatkal facility** has now also been extended to **Himachal Pradesh**, but with **limited food product categories** eligible for this expedited service.

TRAINING

Name of Training/Event	Number of trainings	Number of people trained
GoSTaC (FSS+COVID)	662	32089
Street Food Vendor (SFV) courses	51	2441
Training of Trainers (ToT) programme	4	34
5 Days Refresher Training Programme for Designated Officers of Assam, Andhra Pradesh,	01	42

Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh from 04.11.2024-08.11.2024 at Pt. DeendayalUpadhyaya Centre for Training and Research in Financial Administration (PDU-CTFRA), Dehradun, Uttarakhand		
5 Days Induction Training Programme for Designated Officers of Gujarat, Odisha, Rajasthan, CLA-FSSAI and APHOs/PHOs of Dt. General of Health Services (MoHFW) from 09.11.2024-23.11.2024 at Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	01	40
4 Days Induction Training Programme for Food Safety Officers of Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and APHOs/PHOs of Dt. General of Health Services (MoHFW) from 19.11.2024-06.12.2024 at Health and Family Welfare Training Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	01	58
Half-day workshop on Right to Information Act (RTI), 2005 for all the Officers/Officials posted at Northern Regional Office, Ghaziabad	01	43

Annexure-I

Social Media Platform	Number
Twitter	57
Instagram	35
LinkedIn	13
Facebook	46
Public App	5

Annexure II

S. NO.	CREATIVES
1.	Creatives and Collages for Monday Motivation
2.	Creatives for Eat Right Quiz
3.	Creatives and Videos for regular social media campaigns- #Fortification Friday, #NoToAdulteration, #DidYouKnow #EveryLabelSpeaks
4.	Social media campaigns/series run this month (ongoing): #MondayMotivation, #FortifiedFriday, #NoToAdulteration, #FoodSafetyBytes #MondayMotivation, #FortifiedFriday, #NoToAdulteration, #EatRightQuest #FSSAIinNEWS, #AajSeThodaKam #EveryLabelSpeaks #FSSAIInitiative
5.	Creatives for FSSAI participation at IITF 2024
6.	Daily compilation of news related to FSSAI (#FSSAIinNews)

Annexure III

S. NO.	VIDEO
1.	Social Media Videos on FSSAI activities at IITF 2024
2.	Videos for regular social media campaigns- #NoToAdulteration #EveryLabelSpeaks
3.	Social media video for awareness programme in Andaman & Nicobar
4.	Video on FSSAI- Guardian of Food Safety
5.	Video byte of Ms. Bachendri Pal, an Indian Mountaineer on Eat Right India