Press Release

India co-chairs Action on Food Safety Meet in Kathmandu

New Delhi, 27th November 2019: India is Co-Chairing the “Meeting of Members on Framework for Action on Food Safety in WHO South East Asia Region(SEAR)”, currently underway in Kathmandu, Nepal. Representatives from nine countries are participating in the meeting.

Apart from mutual exchange of information and good practices, FSSAI is taking a leadership position in the fora to guide member states to effectively manage their Food Safety Management Systems. Instances of how FSSAI is deploying innovation and technological solutions to tackle a large and fragmented food business sector is being shared.

Dr. Shobhit Jain, Executive Director, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India representing India as a Co-Chair

Through the course of discussions, most member states have recognised FSSAI as an organisation, that is leading by examples particularly in the informal sector, tackling street food vendors, capacity building of food businesses, providing state of the art laboratory infrastructure, hygiene rating of restaurants, monitoring milk quality and safety among others. The Eat Right India movement led by FSSAI stood out at the forum as a transformative large-scale change initiative that combines regulatory, capacity building and empowerment approaches judiciously to improve quality of life of all people. Member states being encourages to emulate some of these initiatives to overcome their domestic challenges related to food safety.

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