

CEO FSSAI reviews food safety ecosystem of Telangana during the visit to the city of Hyderabad

Press Release

New Delhi, January 17, 2023: The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Shri G Kamala Vardhana Rao took stock of the status of food safety ecosystem including surveillance, food testing infrastructure, implementation of Eat Right India initiatives, manpower etc. in the state of Telangana on his visit to the city of Hyderabad on Monday, January 16, 2023.



While addressing a meeting at the GHMC building in the presence of Smt. Sweta Mohanty, IAS, Commissioner of Food Safety, Mr. Santhosh, Additional Commissioner, GHMC, Dr. C. Sivaleela, Director, IPM, Shri. Rakesh Kumar, Director, FSSAI, State Food Controllers, Designated Officers, Food Safety Officers, Central FSSAI team and various FBOs, the CEO said that FSSAI has been providing technical and financial assistance to the States/UTs for creation of necessary infrastructure, testing equipment and mobilizing resources for carrying out special camps, inspections, awareness drives, etc. by signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

He further assured that FSSAI is ready to provide financial and technical support to the State Food Safety Department to enhance the food safety ecosystem in the state.

He directed the State Authority to focus on periodic risk-based inspections, third party audits, surveillance drives to ensure safety and quality of food products available in the market.

As the year 2023 has been declared as the 'International Year of Millets', the CEO advised the officers to promote, educate and create awareness among the public about the importance of millets through different media.

The CEO also stressed upon the importance of creating awareness among the public through the Eat Right India movement and transform the food ecosystem of the country through its benchmarking and certification schemes and cluster initiatives to improve the infrastructure and hygiene compliance levels of food establishments, be it Jails, Hospitals, Educational Institutions, Schools, Places of Worship, Street food vendors, as well as Fruits & Vegetables Markets.

Shri Rao also stressed on encouraging increased participation of women in Eat Right India initiatives.

During the meeting, Shri Rao presented the Eat Right Fruits and Vegetables Market Certification of Integrated Market, Gajwel and Integrated Market Karimnagar Road, Siddipet to Smt. Sweta Mohanty, IAS, Commissioner of Food Safety. Later, he also launched the Food Safety Display Boards in Telugu language.