

FSSAI invites applications for capacity-building under FoSTaC programme

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FSSAI has invited applications for partnership for training and capacity building under the Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC) programme. In a notification, the apex food regulator stated that it had decided to empanel reputed training partners, which can be academic institutions, corporate associations and big FBOs (food business operators), amongst others, for conducting training on behalf of FSSAI.

The notice stated, "Trade, professional and scientific associations in the food sector at the national, state or regional level with a membership of at least 100 members can be trainers. Food businesses with FSSAI licences and having annual turnover of Rs 150 crore can be training partners for training of FBOs in their upstream and downstream value chain. FBOs cannot provide training to their employees, however. Besides, academic and vocational institutes, including recognised universities, colleges, technical institutes, management institutes and other academic intuitions can be training partners."

Under the FoSTaC, the trainers can be partners as food safety supervisors, and will give training on subjects, including street food vending, basic catering, basic manufacturing, basic storage and transport, basic retail and distribution, advance catering, advance manufacturing, advance storage and transport, advance retail and distribution, manufacturing special – oil, manufacturing special - bakery, manufacturing special - milk and milk products, manufacturing special - animal meat and meat products, manufacturing special - poultry meat and poultry products, manufacturing special - health supplements and nutraceuticals, manufacturing special - fish and seafood, and manufacturing special - water and water-based beverages.

Besides, courses for start-up, organic food business and National Food Control System are also a part of the programme.

It is pertinent to mention here that in the past, food businesses have participated in large-scale training and capacity building programmes on ensuring food safety through the Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC) initiative, under which over 1.7 lakh food safety supervisors have been trained and certified in the country.