

## **IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS AND MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF October, 2019**

### **1. New efforts in focus areas:**

- a) Participated in the Indian Federation of Culinary Associations (IFCA) 8<sup>th</sup> International Chefs Conference held at Pullman Hotel, Aerocity, New Delhi during 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the “**Trans Fat Free**” logo of FSSAI which marked an important milestone in the movement against Trans-Fats and also provided a momentum to accelerate the ‘Eat Right India’ movement of FSSAI. FSSAI is committed to reducing the industrially produced trans fatty acids to less than 2% by the year 2022 in a phased manner and is geared up to get freedom from trans fats with the motto ‘India@75; Freedom from Trans Fats’. A slogan ‘**Chefs 4 Trans Fat Free**’ under which more than 1,000 chefs from different parts of the country took a pledge to use trans-fat free oils in their recipes and work towards their elimination from the diets of Indian populace at large.
- b) Celebrated the World Food Day on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 on the theme ‘Healthy Diets for Zero Hunger’. Union Health Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, the chief guest at the function and Dr. K. Subramanian, Chief Economic Advisor, Govt. of India, Mr. Arun Maira, former member of Planning Commission of India & former India Chairman of Boston Consulting Group and Shri Sangram Singh, the world’s best professional wrestler graced the occasion. Hon’ble Health Minister launched various FSSAI initiatives, some of these are as under:-
- Food Safety Mitra (FSMs)’ scheme to support small and medium scale food businesses in compliance to the food safety law by facilitating licensing and registration, hygiene ratings and training. Apart from strengthening food safety, this scheme would also create new employment opportunities for youth, particularly with food and nutrition background.
  - A jacket with smart design to hold tech devices like tablets/smart phone, a QR code and RFID tag for identification and tracking for enforcement staff for transparent and efficient inspection.
  - Training course for domestic workers and homemakers across the country partnered with the Domestic Workers Sector Skill Council (DWSSC) under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to launch.
  - A reusable cloth bag (‘Eat Right Jhola’) to replace plastic bags for grocery shopping with retail chains.

- Short films on (i) repurposing of used cooking oil into biodiesel and (ii) nutrition in the first 1000 days of life featuring Shri Virat Kohli and Ms. Juhi Chawla respectively, were also released.

## **2. Ongoing efforts in focus areas:**

- a) Final Notifications issued: Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) fourth Amendment Regulations, 2019 w.r.t. standards for Decaffeinated Coffee and revision in Standards for Packaged Drinking Water notified on 30.10.2019.
- b) Draft notifications issued and placed for public comments: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Safe Food and Healthy Diet for School Children) Regulations, 2019.
- c) FSSAI participated in 6<sup>th</sup> Vibrant India-2019' concurrent show 'Meri Dilli Utsav 2019' during 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at Pitampura Dilli Haat, New Delhi and Diwlai Mella held at New Moti Bagh on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 for public awareness, consumer education, publicity of FSSAI's initiatives and to develop strong engagements with various stakeholders.
- d) Vide order no. 1-1715/FSSAI/Imports/2017 dated 09.10.2019, FSSAI Officials and Customs Officials (any one official of rank of Superintendent/Appraiser/Inspector/Examiner) at 150 locations (Airports/Sea Ports/ICD/LCS/SEZ) have been notified as Authorized Officers under Section 25 read with Section 47 (5) of FSS Act, 2006 and Regulation 13 (1) of FSS (Import) Regulation, 2017.
- e) For Scaling up Food Fortification a Workshop under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner, Additional Chief Secretary and the Food Commissioner, Karnataka for the State FDA and FBOs of the State of Karnataka was held 18th October 2019.
- f) Under FoSTaC (Food Safety Training and Certification) initiative, total of **(685)** training programmes have been conducted in collaboration with training partners during this month

## **3. Strengthening of testing infrastructure, support systems and Capacity Building:**

- a) Status of Grant to State Food Testing Laboratories:

A grant of Rs. 50 lakhs (Rupees fifty lakhs only) has been released to the state of Goa for setting up of Microbiology laboratory under CSS.

- b) Capacity Building:

- One Training Program on Good Food Laboratory Practice was conducted at Edward Food Research & Analysis Centre Limited, Kolkata from 15-17 October,

2019 for the food analysts & other scientific/technical personnel working in State Food Testing Laboratories and Notified Laboratories.

- Five days Training Program on “Multi Pesticide Residue Analysis in Fruits and Vegetables” was organized at Food Safety Solution Centre (FSSC), National Food Laboratory (NFL), Ghaziabad from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 for Food Analysts from State Food Laboratories. Food Safety on Wheels:
- c) Two additional Food Safety on Wheels (FSWs) have been sanctioned to Chhattisgarh and one additional FSW has been sanctioned to Assam. This has raised the total number of sanctioned FSWs from 51 to 54.
- d) 6<sup>th</sup> Food Analyst Examination, 2019:

The Food Analyst Examination Board in its meeting held on 30.10.2019 declared 61 candidates as qualified “Food Analysts”. This has raised the total number of Food Analysts/ Public Analysts from 391 to 452.

#### **4. International initiatives:**

- a) 21st Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV) held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019, in Monterrey, Nuevo León Mexico  
India’s proposal on the “Proposed Draft Standards on Ware Potatoes” has been forwarded for adoption at Step 8 to the upcoming session of Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC43, 2020). India chaired the in-session working group on this document, held on first day of the plenary session of CCFFV21
- b) US-CCASIA Colloquium held from 14 to 16 October 2019,, New Delhi India

The US-CCASIA Colloquium was co-hosted by India in collaboration with US. Codex Office and the Foreign Agricultural Service, US. Department of Agriculture (USDA) which provided an opportunity to collaborate on strategies for advancing shared regional positions.

The colloquium discussed the agenda items of the three upcoming Codex Committees: Codex Committee on Food Hygiene (CCFH), Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) and Ad hoc Codex Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (TFAMR).

- c) Workshop on Chemical Risk Analysis Framework for Food Safety  
A Four day workshop on chemical Risk Analysis Framework for food Safety has been organised by FSSAI from 21-24 October, 2019 at IITR Lucknow under the Joint Codex Trust Fund 2 (CTF2) project. The participants for this workshop were called from different premier government institutions of India, Nepal and Bhutan, with

teaching resource faculties called from India, Canada, Germany and Hong-Kong (China).

Through this workshop, a pool of food professionals have been trained as risk assessors coming from different regions of India, who could be very well utilized by FSSAI for taking risk management decisions on chemical contaminant found in food that pose health risk.

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