

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS AND MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF February, 2020

1. Ongoing efforts in focus areas:

- 1) An order no. F.No.13(29)2019/Milk/RCD/FSSAI dated 24th February,2020 regarding display of “Date of Manufacturing” and “Best Before Date” in case of Sweets was issued and all the above were directed to comply and all the Food Safety Commissioners were directed to ensure compliance. For public interest and to ensure food safety it has been decided that in case of non-packaged/loose sweets, the container/tray holding sweets at the outlet for sale should display the “Date of manufacturing” and “best Before Date” of the product. This will be effective from 1st June,2020.
- 2) Under FoSTaC (Food Safety Training and Certification) initiative, total of (795) training programmes have been conducted in collaboration with training partners during January 2020.
- 3) Order no. F.No.Stds/O&F/Notification(11)/FSSAI-2018 dated 25th February 2020 regarding the SOP & Checklist for issuances of Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO) sticker to Food Business Operators. The Food Safety Commissioners of all States/UTs have been requested to to popularize this RUCO initiative under their jurisdiction, issue RUCO sticker as per procedure and requirements stipulated under SOP & Checklist and ensure compliance.
- 4) FSSAI participated in 64th Annual National Conference of Indian Public Health Association (IPHACON),2020 at All India of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi during 29th February to 2nd March,2020 organized by Centre for Community Medicine (CCM), AIIMS. The theme of the conference is “*Promoting Public Health Leadership for Universal Health Coverage in India*”. FSSAI showcased its initiatives under Eat Right India Movement for public awareness, consumer education etc
- 5) Strengthening of Food Testing System in the Country Including Provision of Mobile Food Testing Labs:
 - i. Strengthening of State Food Laboratories (SFTL):
A grant of Rs 4.50 Crore has been released to Haryana (Karnal) for setting up of basic SFTL
 - ii. Capacity Building: One Good Food Laboratory Practice Training Program was conducted for the food analysts & other scientific/technical personnel working in State Food Testing Laboratories and Notified Laboratories at Shriram Institute of Industrial Research, Delhi from 24-26 February,2020.
 - iii. One training program on "Multiresidue analysis in cereals by using LC-MS/MS and GC-MS/MS was conducted for the food analysts & other scientific/technical personnel working in State Food Testing Laboratories and Notified Laboratories at Food Safety Solution Center (FSSC), National Food Laboratory (NFL) Ghaziabad from 17th - 21st February 2020.

iv. Food Safety on Wheels

Two additional Food Safety on Wheels (FSWs) have been sanctioned to Kerala and one each additional FSW has been sanctioned to Bihar and Haryana. This has raised the total number from 54 to 58

v. Modified Food Safety on Wheels

A total of 14 modified FSWs have been sanctioned to 6 States viz. three each modified FSWs to Kerala & Bihar and two each to Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana and Meghalaya.

vi. Notification of Food Testing Laboratories:

4 food testing laboratories which were approved during the last month has now been notified by FSSAI under section 43 (1) on 13 February, 2020. This has raised the total number of FSSAI notified laboratories from 183 to 187

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