

Press Release

CEO, FSSAI addresses the 42nd CAC Meeting at Pahalgam

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Pahalgam, October 28, 2023: The Chief Executive Officer of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Shri G. Kamala Vardhana Rao, addressed the 42nd Central Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting at Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, 28th October 2023 and urged States and UTs to create awareness on food safety. During the meeting, he directed the Commissioners of Food Safety of States and UTs to organize trainings for food handlers in the canteens of student hostels and universities to ensure safe and hygienic food for students.

The CEO called upon the Commissioners of Food Safety to upgrade the present food testing infrastructure and increase the number of food testing laboratories in the country. He also stressed upon the importance of wider consultation by promoting the State Connect initiative, which is a platform for continuous dialogue between the Central Government, State Government and Food Business Industry.

Further, Shri Rao encouraged the States and UTs to make efforts to carry out the surveillance survey on milk and milk products and sweets since festive season is around the corner.

The CEO reiterated the importance of promoting the “modernization of 100 Food Streets” for the modernization of existing street food hubs across the country and he congratulated Madhya Pradesh for taking the lead across the country in implementing this initiative.

More than 50 officials, including Commissioners of Food Safety (CFS), representatives from States and UTs, senior officials from FSSAI and nodal ministries and members representing the Food Industry, Consumers, Agriculture, laboratories and research bodies actively participated in the meeting.
