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**Write up on the achievement of State Food Safety Index-2020-21 in the State of Meghalaya.**



Under the Provisions of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006, the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India is mandated to provide safe, nutritious and wholesome food to the Consumers in the Country. And the responsibility to ensure safe food to the Consumers in the States is upon the Commissioner of Food Safety of the States/UTs.

Food Safety and healthy diets are critical in the Context of India's high burden of food borne diseases, under nutrition, micronutrient deficiencies and growing incidence of obesity and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD). Actions on several fronts and involvement of many stakeholders is needed to ensure that the people have access to safe and healthy food.

Awareness and educating the people on Food Safety and Nutrition is need of the hour. In this backdrop, the "Eat Right India" movement was launched by



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the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India. Eat Right India is a collective effort of key stakeholders and citizen and the key themes are Eat Safe, Eat Healthy & Eat Sustainable.

Eat Right India adopts a judicious mix of Regulatory, Capacity Buildings, Collaborative and Empowerment approaches to ensure that our food is good for the Consumers.

With this background the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India has initiated the State Food Safety Index through which a Comprehensive Assessment of the States could be made through healthy Competition among the States of similar categories.

The State Food Safety Index was first started in the year 2018-19 on the occasion of World Food Safety Day on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

This is a dynamic, quantitative and qualitative benchmarking model and the parameters of assessments are on:

- (a) Human Resource and Institutional Data.
- (b) Compliance.
- (c) Food Testing Infrastructure and Surveillance.
- (d) Training and Capacity Building of regulators and Food Business Operators.
- (e) Consumer Empowerment.

The States are assessed based on above parameters of Food Safety Ecosystem.

The recently announced State Food Safety Index was based on the performance of the State of Meghalaya during the year 2020-21. The various activities which the State of Meghalaya performed during the year 2020-2021 are as follows:



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1. Total Number of samples collected:		
Formal:	-	592
Informal:	-	508
2. Adjudication case filed	-	22
3. License issued	-	4012
4. <i>Registration issued</i>	-	7259
5. <i>State Level Advisory Committee meetings</i>		
<i>Conducted</i>	-	2
6. <i>Dist. Level Advisory Committee</i>		
<i>Meetings conducted</i>	-	6
7. <i>Licensing camps conducted</i>	-	9
8. <i>Inspections conducted.</i>	-	53
9. Food Safety Training and Certification to Food Business Operators.	-	9
10. FBOs trained under Food Safety Training and Certification.	-	395
11. Hygiene Rating of Hotels	-	6
12. No. of High Risk inspections done	-	48
13. Inspection through Food Safety Compliance Through Registration. Inspection & Sampling.	-	22
14. Safe & nutritious food @ School	-	7
15. Eat Right Campus	-	1
16. Blissful & Hygienic Offering to God.	-	1
17. Clean street food Hub	-	1 taken up.



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| 18. Sweet shops audited   | - | 16.         |
| 19. No of Grievances received-  | - | 22          |
| 20. Clean Street Food Hub.  | - | 1(taken up) |
| 21.Clean and Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Market   | - | 3(taken up) |
| 22.Eat Right School (Safe & Nutritious Food @School)  | - | 6           |
| 23.Food Safety in Wheel available   | - | 4           |
| 24. Training using FSW  | - | 91          |
| 25. Testing using FSW   | - | 186         |
| 26. Awareness programmes  | - | 31          |
| 27. Participated in the nationwide surveillance of edible oils done.  |   |             |
| 28. Telecasting of Video Clips of Raj Kumar Rao and Sakshi Tanwar in DDK from Shillong, Tura and Jowai.   |   |             |
| 29. Under IEC activities, 5000 copies of the Orange books (Guide for Safe and Nutritious Food) and 1000 copies of Detection of Adulteration by Rapid Testing (DART) 2500 and 2000 copies of Yellow Book I and II (awareness materials) printed and distributed. |   |             |
| 30. Surveillance sampling of Honey part of nationwide surveillance of Honey done recently.  |   |             |
| 31. Licensing and Registration of Food Business Operators has been brought on to Online platform.   |   |             |
| 32. Food Analyst on deputation put in place.  |   |             |
| 33. State Public Health Laboratory started testing of formal food Samples apart from surveillance samples.  |   |             |
| 34. Up-gradation of Chemical Section of Food Testing Laboratory, Pasteur Hill, Shillong done with assistance from FSSAI.Three High end equipments are functioning with manpower.  |   |             |
| 35. Up-gradation of Microbiology section of the Laboratory is approved by FSSAI Rs. 1.0 Crore released as advance.  |   |             |

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36. During the current year 506 informal samples has been analysed in the State Food Testing Laboratory.

37. NABL Accreditation of SFTL, Pasteur Hill, under process.

Efforts were made to be on Top in the categories of smaller states in the country, however, in view of the above activities and the performances in the state of Meghalaya during the year 2020-21, in the implementation of the Food Safety Initiatives under Food Safety Eco-System in the state, Meghalaya is **Ranked Second** in the **State Food Safety Index** among the smaller States in the Country. This was announced at a programme at the FSSAI, Headquarter, New Delhi which was attended and handed over by Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya, Union Minister, Health & F W , Govt. of India.



Shri James P.K.Sangma, Honourable Minister i/c Health & F W Deptt etc expressed happiness on the achievement of the Commissionerate of Food Safety(Health & F W Deptt),Meghalaya and congratulated the concerned Officials .

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