





CII and FDA Maharashtra Collaboration Capacity Building Program of State Food Laboratories to Enhance Maharashtra's State Food Safety Index First CII- FACE-FDA Food Testing Laboratory Cluster on ISO/IEC 17025: 2017

The Food and Agriculture Centre of Excellence (FACE) of CII in collaboration with FDA Maharashtra has launched the First Food Testing Laboratory Cluster in the country aimed at enhancing Maharashtra's Food Safety Index through Capacity building of its Food Testing Laboratories. This initiative covers eight state food testing laboratories across Maharashtra, including Navi Mumbai, Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara, Nagpur, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, and Nashik. The initiative is supported by Cargill India Pvt. Ltd.

The cluster approach aims to foster learning among these state food laboratories, encourage the exchange of insights and improvements to strengthen Good Laboratory Practices and facilitate the design, development and documentation of systems towards achieving ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accreditation.

This program has a far-reaching impact, benefiting over 200 food industry stakeholders, more than 100 laboratory professionals, various state government departments, and ultimately serving over 10,000 customers by ensuring food safety through rigorous testing and analysis procedures.





Shri Abhimanyu Kale, Commissioner, Food & Drugs Administration, Maharashtra Dr. Krishna Methekar, Deputy Director, Food Safety and Standard Authority of India, Western Region at Launch of the Cluster Capacity Building Program for Food Testing Labs in Mumbai 2nd Feb 2023

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