

## Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

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### Food Safety and Standards Authority of India Latest News

Recently, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has directed all food business operators to immediately discontinue the use of newspapers for packing or serving food items, citing serious health risks.

### About Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

- It is a statutory institution formed by the **Ministry of Health and Family welfare**, Government of India under **the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006**.
- **Mandate:** FSSAI is responsible for setting food standards, regulating the manufacture, storage, distribution, sale, and import of food, and ensuring the availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption.

### Functions of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

- **Standards Development:** It formulates standards for various food products, ensuring they are safe for consumption.

- **Food Safety Management Systems:** It provides guidelines for businesses to implement effective food safety management practices.
- **Licensing and Registration:** FSSAI manages the licensing process for food businesses, ensuring they comply with food safety regulations.
- **Surveillance and Monitoring:** Regular inspections and audits are conducted to assess compliance with food safety standards.
- **Consumer Awareness:** Initiatives to educate the public about food safety, hygiene, and nutrition are a key focus area.
- **Accreditation:** The FSSAI is also responsible for the accreditation of food testing laboratories throughout India.

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