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## ANNUAL REPORT

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## 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting

Date : **19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
Time : **6.00 PM**  
Venue : **Golden Jubilee Hall**  
NIFTEM-Thanjavur  
Thanjavur

### AGENDA

1. Welcome address.
2. Minutes of the last AGBM.
3. Secretary's report (annual reports from Headquarters & Chapters).
4. Treasurer's report & audited statement of accounts.
5. Amendments to the Constitution, if any.
6. Appointment of Auditor & fixing the remuneration.
7. Announcement of election results.
8. Induction of President-Designate as President and Joint Secretary as Secretary.
9. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

## Secretary's Report

Dear members of the Central Executive Committee, esteemed AFST(I) members, fellows and staff of the AFST(I).

It is my honour to welcome you all to the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting in the beautiful city of Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu State, a city of historical importance. I take this great opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all the members for giving me an opportunity to serve as the Honorary Secretary of this esteemed organisation for the year 2025.

I deem it an honour to present the Annual Report of AFST(I) and its chapters for the year 2025

### The Central Executive Committee:

Name	Designation
Dr. Aashitosh A Inamdar	President
Dr. Parmjit S Panesar	President Designate
Dr. Nandini P Shetty	Vice President- HQ
Dr. R Mahendran, Thanjavur	Vice President
Ms. Subhaprada Nishtala, Mumbai	Vice President
Dr. Vijayendra SVN, Hyderabad	Vice President
Dr. Brijesh Srivastava, Tezpur	Vice President
Mr. Basavaraja Mundalamani	Hon. Secretary
Dr. Tanaji G Kudre	Hon. Joint Secretary
Mrs. Sudha M L	Hon. Treasurer
<b>Permanent Invitees:</b>	
Dr. N Bhaskar	Editor-in-Chief, JFST
Dr. Varadaraj M.C.	Chief Editor, IFI Mag
<b>Invitees: Presidents of all AFST(I) Chapters</b>	

The Central Executive Committee (CEC) met three times offline during the year, to discuss various agendas for strengthening AFST(I) activities and made several important decisions.

## I. *Formation of committees*

The following committees were constituted by CEC for the day-to-day functioning of the Association.

### **Credential Committee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Dr. Nandini P Shetty	Chairman (Vice President – HQ)
Dr. Tanaji G Kudre	Convener (Hon. Joint Secretary)
Mrs. Sudha M L	Member
Mr. Basavaraja Mundalamani	Member

### **Finance Committee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Dr. Jaydeep A	Chairman
Dr. R Mahendran	Co-Chairman
Smt. Sudha M L	Convener (Hon. Treasurer)
Dr. Baldev Raj	Member
Dr. Tanaji G Kudre	Member
Dr. Shamindar Pal Singh	Member
Hon. Secretary	Member

### **Publication Committee**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Editor- in -Chief JFST	Chairman
Chief Editor IFI	Co-Chairman
Hon. Joint Secretary	Convener
All Editors of both Journals (JFST and IFI Mag)	
Ex-officio (Hon. Secretary)	
Ex-officio (Hon. Treasurer)	

### Awards Committee

Name	Designation
Dr. G K Sharma	Chairman
Dr. Prakash M Halami	Co-Chairman
Mr. Basavaraja Mundalamani	Convener (Hon.Secretary)
Dr. Nandini P Shetty	Member
Dr. Umesh Hebbar H	Member
Dr George T. Oommen	Member
Dr. Abdul Rasheed K K	Member
Dr. Suresh D Sakhare	Member
Dr. P K Neema	Member
Dr. Prasad Rao U J S	Member
Dr. Alok Kumar Srivastava	Member
Mrs. Sudha M L	Ex-officio (Hon. Treasurer)

### Diamond Jubilee Building Committee

Names	Designation
Dr. Bhaskar N	Chairman
Dr. K K Abdul Rasheed	Co-Chairman
Dr. Aashitosh A Inamdar	Convener
Dr. Suresh D Sakhare	Member
Dr. Yadav K D	Member
Dr. Jyothirmayi T	Member
Ex-officio (Hon. Secretary)	
Ex-officio (Hon. Treasurer)	

### Awards and Election Guidelines Framing Committee

Names	Designation
Dr. Bhaskar N	Chairman
Dr. Alok Kumar Srivastava	Co-Chairman
Dr. Nandini P Shetty	Convener
Dr. Anu Appaiah K A	Member
Ex-officio (Hon. Secretary)	
Ex-officio (Hon. Treasurer)	
Ex-officio (President)	

## Membership

During the current year (2025) the present membership of AFST (I) stands at **5364** of which **4687** are life members.

**Life membership drive:** Based on the repeated requests from various chapters and members, the CEC advised to take up a Life Membership drive during the current year. The life membership offer was made available from **19<sup>th</sup> April 2025** to **31st October 2025**. The information about the membership drive was hosted on the AFST (I) website for wider dissemination of the information.

**Credential Committee:** The Credential committee met **Seven (7)** times during the year to scrutinize the applications received (**705** new applications) for various categories of membership. Due to life membership offer, there was a remarkable increase in the number of life membership applications this year also, and the Credential committee did a wonderful job in expediting the clearance of the application forms.

**Finance committee:** The Finance committee met to discuss about the Budget and Financial Status of the AFST(I). This is year Chapter share of 2022-23 paid to those chapters' who have submitted audited report.

**Chapters' Audit statement / Payments & Receipts, Invoices raised towards chapters programs and Balance sheets are must for every financial year.**

- As per the Auditor-HQ direction, the Secretary and Treasurer of all the chapters were informed about the chapter accounts statements and receipts / payments/ balance sheet, audited statement. All the said documents need to submitted by respective chapters who have the bank accounts. Even, if there is no transaction during the year, the statement of accounts along with bank statement to be submitted mentioning "**No Transaction**" for the period. And if no bank accounts, the office will give the list of chapters who does not have account due to chapter being inactive.
- The CEC members discussed if audited statement is submitted, then no need of other details from the chapters, but if the HQ auditor found any mismatching the data before filing of IT, the chapter need to submit all the details which are required / directed by HQ auditor for avoiding the fine / late fees related GST or IT filing.

**Website: This year the CEC had discussed and took decision on Updating and Launching of Web Portals / digital platforms:**

- The 31st ICFoST 2025 website, the poster abstract submission portal, the main AFST(I) website (including dedicated pages for IFI Magazine and the new journal JGST) and the **AASMaAn** - online submission portal for applications to various AFST(I) awards were initiated and implemented. The major initiative was the online submission & scrutiny of various Awards applications through **AASMaAn web portal** and was successful executed. This has enabled the AFST(I) annual awards process to be paperless, an objective under the save trees concept.
- The Election portal was updated with new guidelines and new amended points as per the AFST(I) bye-law under the section Election process. The Election Guidelines Framing Committee had worked tirelessly and helped to improve and avoid any confusion and/or overlapping points.
- Guidelines and procedures were prepared and scheduled the calendar of events for the online elections uploaded on to the Election portal of AFST(I) to conduct the HQ Election.
- AFST(I) Various Awards: The Online **AASMaAn web portal** was launched & was successfully implemented this year. This portal has features / automates the system to time saving for awards committee and update the outcome in a more transparent manner. All the CEC members thanked and congratulated the Director CSIR-IITR, Lucknow & web application developing team from Lucknow



for this initiative and hard work for the Online AASMaAn web portal. Also thanked the Awards guidelines committee members chaired by Dr N Bhaskar for this wonderful initiation.

### **The updated Constitution of AFST(I) comes into effect from 23.05.2025**

- Hon. Secretary & President of AFST(I) informed to the CEC members as per the previous SGBM's minutes, documents were submitted to the Registrar of Society, Mysore and got acknowledgement for the same. The updated Bye-Law in PDF was hosted on the AFST(I) website for the information of members.

### **Update on Diamond Jubilee Building:**

- Diamond Jubilee building committee have called for tenders through advertisement in three local newspapers (Kannada & English version). Tender documents were issued from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025. A pre-bid conference was arranged to clarify any doubts of the participating agencies. Shortly all the formalities of tender opening and initiation of new site building will be completed.

### **Awards Committee:**

- The award committee met several times & committee evaluated the Online (via **AASMaAn web portal**) applications and nominations received for various awards of AFST(I) as per the guidelines. The Award committee submitted the scrutinized list to CEC for further finalization of the awardees.

This year the CEC decided and initiated to issue a Lapel Pin with a letter of gratitude for all the AFST(I) Fellow Awardees and it is sent to respective address. Besides, it was also decided to provide all Life Members with a Certificate for their records sent by registered parcel.

## **II. E - Election:**

**Dr. S. R. Ramesh** was nominated as the Returning Officer for the current year's elections of AFST (I) -HQ and Central observer for Online Election of Chapters. The results of the election will be announced officially in the AGBM as per the notice of the Election & AGBM.

## **III. Annual Convention and other activities by Headquarters:**

- As per the decision of CEC, the **31<sup>st</sup> Indian Convention of Food Scientists & Technologists (ICFoST) – 2025 is scheduled to held during 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at NIFTEM-Thanjavur in association with AFST(I) Thanjavur Chapter and Co-Organized by NIFTEM-Thanjavur, CSIR-CFTRI Mysuru, DIBT-DRDO Mysuru and CSIR-IITR Lucknow. The 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST is supported by CSIR-NIIST Thiruvananthapuram, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) Varanasi & ASTRA Lucknow as Knowledge partners. The theme of the convention is “INDULGE” – “Innovation in Nutrition, Dietetics, Upcycling and Local foods on Gastronomic Engineering”.**
- This convention is having Sub Themes - Innovations in food science, Nutrition and gastronomy, Smart tech, smarter food: AI and IoT innovations in the food value chain, Launching your food business: pathways, policy, and impact, Reimagining protein: sustainable alternatives for a growing world, Food authentication, traceability, and the role of emerging technologies, Ingredient and formulation intelligence: driving innovations in new product development, Regulatory science and risk assessment in emerging food technologies, Biotech & nanotech innovations: shaping smarter, safer, and sustainable foods, Chemical and biological hazards in foods, Nutrition by design: advances in food fortification strategies, Trends in food quality evaluation and sensing systems, Future of Indian traditional foods: science, innovation, and globalization, Next-gen food processing: minimal, clean, and smart technologies, Circular economy in the food sector: waste valorization and by-product

utilization, Functional foods and nutraceuticals: evidence-based formulations, Food packaging and storage: smart, active solutions and eco-friendly solutions.

- The CEC discussed and decided to conduct two memorial lectures **Dr H A B Parpia Memorial Lecture and Dr B L Amla Memorial Lecture** during the 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST.
- There is overwhelming support in terms of delegate Registrations and Sponsors/Exhibitors/Advertisers, Speakers & Co-organizers for the 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST.
- The Logo and theme contests were arranged for Students and PhD Research Fellows, both for members as well as non-members. The response was very good, and the expert team scrutinized the entries and selected a logo for adoption with the required modification. The winner will be conferred with a suitable memento, certificate, and free registration for the 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST.
- An exclusive website for 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST ([www.icfost.org](http://www.icfost.org)) is maintained for the registration of delegates & Poster Abstract submission web portal.
- We the 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST -2025 Team and on behalf of CEC & my own behalf being as Organizing Secretary 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST and Hon. Secretary of AFST(I)-HQ would like to acknowledge with grateful thanks to Organizers, Co-Organizers, Chief Guests, Guest of Honors, Patrons, Advisors, Organizing Chairperson, Organizing Co-Chairperson, Organizing Secretaries, Organizing Conveners, Organizing Members, Various Sponsors, Supporters, Institutional Partners, Media Partners, Exhibitors, Advertisers, Speakers, Registered Participants, and also all the 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST Sub Committee team Chair/Co-Chair/Convener/ members of Technical, Expo, Accommodation & Transport, Registration & Reception, Souvenir, Publicity, Poster, Food & Local Hospitality, Venue & Hall Arrangement, IT & Virtual Platform, Finance, Cultural and Health & Safety. Also extend the grate thanks to all service providers and vendors and Volunteers of this successful mega event in NIFTEM-Thanjavur, Thanjavur-Tamil Nadu.

The 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST promotional activities and other programs conducted by AFST(I)-HQ during this year for wider publicity across India with the help of many chapters of AFST(I). The list is as below;

Sl. No.	Date & Venue	Event	Brief about the Programme
1.	<b>13<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b> NIFTEM-Thanjavur	First Announcement of 31 <sup>st</sup> ICFoST 2025	AFST(I)-HQ and AFST(I) Thanjavur Chapter organized First Announcement of 31 <sup>st</sup> ICFoST 2025. Shri. Chirag Paswan, Hon'ble Minister, MoFPI, Govt. of India was a Chief Guest. CEC members with other dignitaries were participated and it was a grand success.
2.	<b>9<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b> Karnataka Science & Technology Academy, Bengaluru.	World Food Safety Day at KSTA and Curtain raiser of 31 <sup>st</sup> ICFoST 2025	AFST(I)-HQ and AFST(I) Bangalore Chapter in association with KSTA, Bengaluru had organized the program. Prof. A.H. Rajasab, Chief Guest and Chairman, KSTA, Dr. Ramesh. A.M., CEO, KSTA, Dr. C. Vasudevappa, Former VC, NIFTEM-K, Dr. C.N. Ravishankar, Former Director & VC, ICAR, Mumbai, Mr. Shrinivas Joshi, Associate Director, M/s. Waters India (P) Ltd. Bengaluru. Dr. N. Bhaskar, Director, CSIR-IITR, Lucknow and CEC members were participated in the event, and it was a grand success.



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3.	<b>26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b> CSIR-IITR Lucknow	SWEEP Workshop, Curtain Raiser Program & JFST Editorial Workshop	AFST(I)-HQ along with AFST(I) Lucknow Chapter and ASTRA organized One Day workshop on “Scientific Writing & Ethics in Enhancing Publications (SWEEP)”. The workshop had the presence of eminent scientists, technologists, researchers, professionals, academicians, editors and related persons to discuss, interact and enhance excellence in scientific writing, ethics and publication practices. The distinguished dignitaries Dr. T. Bhaskar, Director, CSIR-AMPRI, Bhopal, Dr. N Bhaskar, Director, CSIR-IITR, Lucknow, Dr. (Mrs.) Viswajanani J Sattigeri, Scientist H & Head, TKDL, New Delhi. The CEC members, Editors of JFST and the Springer team were participated in the event, and it was a grand success.
4.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025</b> GrainTech India 2025 and India Foodex 2025 at BIEC, Bangalore	Promotional activities of 31st ICFoST	15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Grain Tech India 2025 and India Foodex 2025. AFST(I) as a Knowledge Partner as well as industry partner showcased the various facets for the benefit of delegates and participants attending the mega event. CEC members and AFST(I) Bangalore Chapter LEC members were participated in the event, and it was a grand success.
5.	<b>8<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b> IFFTC Auditorium, CSIR-CFTRI Campus, Mysuru	SWEEP Workshop & Curtain Raiser Program	AFST(I) HQ, Mysuru in association with CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru organized SWEEP workshop program. Dr. Chindi Vasudevappa, Chairman, RC, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru and Former VC, NIFTEM-K as a Chief Guest. Dr. N Bhaskar, Director, CSIR-IITR, Lucknow, Dr. M C Varadaraj, Chief Editor, IFI Mag, Dr. Alok K Srivastava, Former Chief Scientist, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru along with other dignitaries. CEC members and around 250 students / research scholars were participated in the event and it was a grand success.

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6.	<b>11<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b> K V Auditorium, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai	SWEEP Workshop @ Mumbai, Prof JV Bhatt Memorial-Lecture, Promotional activities (curtain raiser, Networking Meet with Industries etc.,) of 31 <sup>st</sup> ICFoST-2025	AFST(I) HQ along with AFST(I) Mumbai Chapter organized SWEEP workshop programme at ICT, Mumbai. Dr. N Bhaskar, Director, CSIR-IITR, Lucknow was invited as a speaker for Prof. JV Bhatt Memorial Lecture. CEC members and AFST(I) Mumbai Chapter LEC members were participated in the event. FISH event, Curtain raiser and industrial meet was also organized and it was a grand success.
7.	<b>16<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b> Assembly Hall, ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad	Promotional activities (curtain raiser, Networking Meet with Industries etc.,) of 31 <sup>st</sup> ICFoST- @ Hyderabad	31 <sup>st</sup> ICFoST 2025, Curtain raiser was organized in NIN, Hyderabad. Dr. Tanaji G Kudre, Hon. Jt. Secretary, AFST(I)-HQ was participated in this event. Around 250 delegates were participated and it was a grand success.
8.	<b>31<sup>st</sup> October 2025</b> Auditorium, CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram	SWEEP Workshop @ CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, Sri G C P Rangarao Memorial Lecture, Promotional activities (curtain raiser, Networking Meet with Industries etc.,) of 31 <sup>st</sup> ICFoST-2025	AFST(I) HQ along with AFST(I) Trivandrum Chapter organized SWEEP workshop programme at CSIR-NIIST. Dr. N Bhaskar, Director, CSIR-IITR, Lucknow was invited as a Chief Guest, Dr. Ravi Ram Kristipati, Sr. Principal Scientist, CSIR-IITR, Lucknow and Mr. Praveen Raj, Sr. Principal Scientist, CSIR- NIIST, Trivandrum was invited as speakers. Sri Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan, Director, CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram was invited as a speaker for G C P Rangarao Memorial Lecture. CEC members and AFST(I) Trivandrum Chapter LEC members were participated in the event, it was a grand success.

### AFST(I) Memorial Lectures :

#### ➤ **Sri B Raghu Ramaiah Memorial Lecture:**

AFST(I) HQ with support of AFST(I) Raichur Chapter organized Sri Burra Raghuramaiah Memorial Lecture at College of Agricultural Engineering, UAS, Raichur on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Speaker: Prof. V Palanimuthu, Director, NIFTEM-Thanjavur on the Topic: "Food Ingredient Specialties/ Functional Flavors in Foods & Beverages"

#### ➤ **Prof JV Bhatt Memorial-Lecture:**

AFST(I) HQ with support of AFST(I) Mumbai Chapter organized Prof JV Bhatt Memorial Lecture at K V Auditorium, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Speaker: Dr. N Bhaskar, Director, CSIR-IITR, Lucknow on the Topic: "Lessons from ABBA"

#### ➤ **Sri G C P Rangarao Memorial Lecture:**

AFST(I) HQ with support of AFST(I) Trivandrum Chapter organized Sri G C P Rangarao Memorial Lecture at Auditorium, CSIR – NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

Speaker: Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan, Director, CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram on the Topic: “Sustainable Packaging Solutions for the food industry”

➤ **Dr H A B Parpia Memorial Lecture:**

AFST(I) HQ conducted Dr H A B Parpia Memorial Lecture during 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST 2025 on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025. The memorial lecture was delivered by Prof. V Palanimuthu, Director, NIFTEM-Thanjavur.

➤ **Dr B L Amla Memorial Lecture:**

AFST(I) HQ conducted Dr B L Amla Memorial Lecture during 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST 2025 on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025. The memorial lecture was delivered by Dr. Giridhar Parvatam, Director, CSIR – CFTRI, Mysuru.

### **World Food Day – 2025**

AFST(I) HQ requested all the chapters to organize World Food Day – 2025 and provided financial support of Rs.30,000/- each chapter who has conducted this program. This time 31 chapters have celebrated the world food day.

## **IV. Publications**

**Journal of Food Science & Technology:** The Journal is in its 62<sup>nd</sup> volume and 2025 year of going online. We are pleased to inform you that there is an increase in the journal's impact factor to **3.3 (2024)**. The CEC places on record its commendation to Editor-in-Chief Dr N Bhaskar and his committed team for their meticulous efforts.

**Indian Food Industry Mag:** The conscientious efforts of the Chief Editor Dr Varadaraj M C and his team are praiseworthy for bringing out regular issues of IFI-Mag. The platform for online submission and accessibility of IFI-Mag is under development.

**Journal of Grain Science & Technology (JGST):** The Journal title registration process is under progress as per the new system of Government portal PRGI and team of Editors for further process is finalized.

## **V. AFST(I) Education & Publication Trust :**

The trust encourages the students' scholarships in the field of food fraternities & the brief details as below;  
AFST(I) Education and Publication Trust Scholarship

The AFST(I) Education and Publication Trust Scholarship supports students in the final year of a regular postgraduate program in the area of Food Science / Technology / Food Engineering / Nutrition from any recognized University in India. The scholarship is designed to encourage academic excellence among emerging professionals in the field. Eligible students must be currently enrolled in a full-time PG course in a recognized Indian institution. A minimum of two scholarships will be awarded in each geographical zone (**6 zones: North, South, East, West, Central, North-East**) of the country, making a total of at least 12 scholarships, annually. The list of zones and their respective states is provided in AFST(I) website: [www.afsti.org](http://www.afsti.org)

## **VI. New Chapter/s:**

The **Pasighat Chapter** at Arunachal Pradesh was approved during this year.

## **VII. Chapters:**

Chapters are wings of AFST (I) for dissemination of knowledge on Food Science & Technology. Continuous efforts were made to get the **audited accounts/ bank statements** from **38 chapters'** they are, Allahabad, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Bangalore, Bhopal, Chennai, Cochin, Coimbatore, Dapoli, Davanagere, Dehradun, Delhi, Guntur, Haldia, Haryana, Hisar, Hyderabad, Imphal, Jabalpur, Kakinada, Kanpur, Kolhapur, Kollam,

Longowal, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Mumbai, Nagpur, Pondicherry, Pune, Raichur, Rourkela, Tezpur, Thanjavur, Thrissur, Trivandrum, Vallabha Vidya Nagar & Varanasi.

### VIII. Chapter Activities:

The reports on the activities were received only from **26 Chapters**, viz., Allahabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Chennai, Cochin, Coimbatore, Davangere, Dehradun, Delhi, Guntur, Haldia, Hyderabad, Kanpur, Kolhapur, Kollam, Longowal, Lucknow, Mumbai, Pune, Raichur, Rourkela, Tezpur, Thanjavur, Trivandrum, Thrissur, Varanasi a brief on the reports received from these Chapters is given below.

#### AFST(I) Allahabad Chapter

##### 1) Activity/Event Name: National Nutrition Month (September 1-30,2025)

Based on this year's theme by UNICEF for National Nutrition Month 2025 is "Eat right for a better life" emphasizing the importance of balanced diets and mindful food choices for improving overall health and well-being across all age groups. Two activities namely- "Eat right for a Better Life" –Poster Competition and "Gluten Free for a Better Life"- Recipe Contest were organized on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025. UG, PG and Ph.D. students of Food Technology programme participated in both the competitions with great zest. Fifteen teams participated in Poster competition whereas sixteen teams participated in the recipe competition with great zest. Recipe competition was judged by Dr. Zoomi Singh, Assistant Uttar Pradesh *Rajarshi Tandon Open University, Prayagraj*. Poster competition was judged by the faculty members of Centre of Food Technology. The events were organized by Prof. Neelam Yadav President, Dr. Devinder Kaur Secretary, Dr Vinita Puranik, Treasurer of AFST(I) Allahabad Chapter. Faculty members of the centre Dr. Pinki Saini, Dr SK Chauhan and Er. Salman Hashmi were also present on this occasion.

##### 2) Activity/Event Name: World Food Day (October 16, 2023)

Centre of Food Technology in association with AFSTI Allahabad Chapter has celebrated World Food Day -2023 on October 14, on the focal theme "**Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future**" highlights the critical importance of global cooperation and collective action in addressing food safety, security and nutrition challenges. On this occasion invited lectures were delivered by two distinguished speakers. Renowned Professor Dr. C.P. Mishra from IMS, Department of Community Medicine, BHU emphasized on the need of nutritious, diverse, and culturally appropriate diets in prevention of hidden hunger and malnutrition. He appraised by 2050 the population will reach to 9.1 billion, 34% higher than today. This situation will lead to land scarcity, to overcome this problem he emphasize the need for vertical farming and aquaponics. Newer advance technologies like future lab grown meat, cellular milk, sustainable sea foods, genetically modified foods would be a sustainable approach to address the problem of food security as this will produce less carbon foot print.

Dr. S.K. Chauhan Former Deputy Director Food Processing & Horticulture Govt. of U.P encouraged the students to set up start-ups related fruits and vegetable, cereals, millets as it is a promising venture of today and future and he also sensitized students about start-up in food processing sector through various subsidies and initiatives aimed at enhancing food security, boosting employment, and attracting investments. Prizes and certificates were distributed by the distinguished speakers to the winners of poster and recipe contest on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 on the occasion of celebration of World Food Day event. The event was organized by the members of AFST (I) Allahabad Chapter-Prof Neelam Yadav (President), Dr. Devinder Kaur (Secretary), Dr Dr Vinita Puranik (Treasure). Faculty members of the Centre- Dr. Pinki Saini, Dr SK Chauhan and Er Salman Hashmi were also present on this occasion. Dr. Devinder Kaur (Secretary AFSTI Allahabad Chapter) addressed the vote of thanks to all the guests,

faculty staff and students of the participating departments Centre of Food Technology & Dept. of Family and Community Sciences, University of Allahabad.

### AFST(I) Bangalore Chapter

- ✓ AFSTI Bangalore chapter organised the event “**World Food Safety Day**” which was organized by **AFSTI Headquarters**, in collaboration with the **AFSTI Bangalore Chapter** and the **Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA)**, on **9th June 2025** at **KSTA Auditorium, Bengaluru**.
- ✓ AFSTI Bangalore chapter was the Knowledge partner for organizing “**International Networking Summit on Innovations in Grain & Flour Milling Industry**” on 01.08.2025 jointly with Media Today Group international exhibition “**15th Anniversary of GrainTech India 2025 along with 16th India Foodex 2025**,” held from **01<sup>st</sup>–03<sup>rd</sup> August 2025** at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bangalore, India.
- ✓ AFSTI (Bangalore Chapter) has organised **World Food Day 2025** jointly with Department of Food Technology, **MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences** on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at DFT, MSRUEAS, Mathikere, Bangalore. There were 5 speakers from the industry and expert consultancy firms delivered talk during the event. There were various competitions viz., poster presentation, Ideathon, Food photography and Reel challenge were held on 16.10.2025 for students and the winners were felicitated during the event.
- ✓ Industrial visit was organised for the Chapter members on 09.05.2025 to Favorich Mega Food Park and Industrial Park facilities.
- ✓ AFSTI Bangalore chapter has conducted three Virtual and two physical local executive committee meetings and during this year (2025).

### Promotion of ICFOST-2025 by the chapter

- AFSTI Bangalore chapter has promoted the **ICFOST-2025** in the event “World Food Safety Day” which was organized by **AFSTI (HQ)**, in collaboration with the **AFSTI Bangalore Chapter** and the **KSTA**, at **KSTA Auditorium, Bengaluru**. Curtain raiser event of ICFOST-2025 was held during the event. 125 people participated in the event.
- AFSTI Bangalore chapter has promoted the **ICFOST-2025** in the Media Today Group event “**15th Anniversary of Grain Tech India 2025 along with 16th India Foodex 2025**” an international exhibition held from **01<sup>st</sup>–03<sup>rd</sup> August 2025** at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bangalore, India.
- AFSTI (Bangalore Chapter) has promoted the **ICFOST-2025** during the World Food Day 2025 organised jointly with Department of Food Technology, MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at DFT, MSRUEAS, Mathikere.

### 2024 (After AGBM of the Bangalore chapter)

- ✓ AFSTI (Bangalore Chapter) had organised **Industry Technical talk and product promotion** on 14th September 2024 at Ashraya Hotel, Bangalore. First talk was on the Food processing equipment manufacturer and second on the processing and storage of imported frozen fruits
- ✓ AFSTI (Bangalore Chapter) has organised **World Food Day 2024** jointly with Alumni Association of UASB, Hebbal, Bangalore under the theme “Right to Foods for a Better Life and a Better Future” on 18th October 2024 at Dr. G.K.Veeresh Auditorium, Alumni Association of UASB, Hebbal, Bangalore



- ✓ An International conference on “**EMERGING ADDITIVES AND INGREDIENTS FOR FOOD AND HEALTH**” was Jointly organized by Informa Markets India Pvt Ltd., Mumbai & AFSTI Bengaluru Chapter from 25th to 27th September 2024.

### **Promotion of ICFOST-2024 by the chapter**

- AFSTI Bangalore chapter is promoting the ICFOST-2024 by spreading the message through social media in different groups of professional bodies, Universities, Colleges and Institution groups
- AFSTI Bangalore chapter has planned to promote the ICFOST-2024 in the 25<sup>th</sup>–27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bangalore, India.

## **AFST(I) Bhopal Chapter**

### **Food System Dialogue Series (February 2025 to April 2025)**

An initiative was taken by Dr. Dipika Agrahar Murugkar, President AFSTI, Bhopal Chapter to organize a Food System Dialogue Series in association with NGO DARSHANA, Welthungerhilfe (WHH), with the aim to build an ecosystem of collaboration, innovation, and practical action for sustainable and nutrition-sensitive food systems. The dialogue series comprised of eight expert sessions. Each session addressed critical themes relevant to the transformation of local food systems, with direct applications for NSC practitioners, grassroots leaders, and food entrepreneurs.

**Topic and their respective speakers were as follows:** Eco-Friendly Packaging Applications in Food - Dr. Ajesh Kumar (27 Feb 2025); Plant-Based Meat or Alternative Protein - Dr. Punit Chandra (4 Mar 2025); Application of AI in Food Processing - Dr. Subir K. Chakraborty (11 Mar 2025); Valorization of Post-Harvest Waste - Dr. Muzaffar Hasan (18 Mar 2025); Processing and Storage Techniques for Tomatoes - Dr. Pravitha (25 Mar 2025); Technologies for Utilisation of Food Processing Waste - Dr. R.T. Patil (3 Apr 2025); Entrepreneurship and Capacity Building in Food Processing - Dr. Dipika Agrahar Murugkar (9 Apr 2025); Biofunctional Prospects of Probiotic and Prebiotic Plant Food Matrix - Dr. Samlesh Kumari (16 Apr 2025)

### **National Technology Day (14<sup>th</sup> May 2025)**

To mark National Technology Day, a live demonstration of cottage-level production of soymilk, tofu, and related products was conducted for 100 students and faculty of Sam Global University by the Bhopal chapter of the Association of Food Scientists and Technologists India (AFSTI) in collaboration with the Centre for Excellence on Soybean Processing and Utilisation (CESPU) on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at the University campus. The event aimed to educate students on the nutritional benefits of soy products and promote sustainable food practices. Dr. Dipika Agrahar Murugkar, President AFSTI, Bhopal Chapter highlighted the aims and objective of AFSTI to the audience.

The agenda included an Introduction to Soy Products with a brief overview of soybeans and their nutritional value and the importance of soymilk and tofu in vegetarian diets. This was followed by a Live Demonstration of the Step-by-step process of soymilk production, techniques for converting soymilk into tofu and preparation of soy-based snacks and dishes. This was followed by an Interactive Session where a Q&A segment addressed student queries about soy products and a discussion on health benefits and culinary uses.

The program led to an increased awareness of the benefits of incorporating soy products into meals, engagement in discussions about sustainable food practices and food security.

### **World Food Day (16.10.2025)**

Association of Food Scientists and Technologists (India), Bhopal chapter in association with Government Geetanjali Girls College, Bhopal organized a program on “Nutrition and Food Literacy” on October 16, 2025. Principal of college Dr. Jayshree Mishra highlighted the need and objective of the establishment of

FAO. She said that today's students are not aware about their health, which is a matter of concern. Dr. Punit Chandra, President AFSTI Bhopal Chapter raised awareness about nutrition and food security, highlighting the need to ensure a healthy diet for all. Dr. Punit Chandra described the objectives and activities of the Association of Food Scientists and Technologists and explained AFSTI activities organized throughout the year. Dr. Lavika Singh, Deputy Director, Bureau of Indian Standards delivered a lecture on "Role of Food Standards in Nutritional Safety and Protection" through online medium which was very informative.

More than 280 students from different colleges in Bhopal registered themselves for participation in the programme. Four interesting and informative competitions namely Poster competition, nutritive dish preparation, extempore speech and quiz based on food and nutrition were planned to encourage participant's interest in the area of food science and technology. Members of the Bhopal Chapter of the Association of Food Scientists and Technologists (India) Dr. Deepika Murugkar, Dr. M.K. Tripathi, Dr. Purushottam Sharma, Dr. Ajesh Kumar, Dr. Shipra Roy, Dr. Muzaffar Hasan, and Dr. Samlesh Kumari, along with college faculty members Dr. Pratiksha Sawle, Dr. Aradhana Verma, Dr. Saroj Yadav, Mrs. Trisha Mahule, Dr. Devendra Ahirwar, Dr. Neelu Yadav, Dr. Neelam Singh, Dr. Vasita Verma, and Mrs. Anjali Vishwakarma were actively present. The event got wide coverage in print and electronic media in like The Times of India, Nav Bharat Times (NBT), Patrika etc.

## AFST(I) Chennai Chapter

### World Food Day Celebration 2025 - New Product Development Training:

The AFSTI Chennai Chapter conducted the training program "**New Product Development: Idea to Launch**" on 15 November 2025 at Prego, Mandaveli, Chennai. The program brought together students, researchers, and food entrepreneurs to gain practical insights into transforming innovative concepts into market-ready food products. Led by industry experts **Mr. Suresh Chander (R&D Head, EID Parry)** and **Mr. Mohammed Riyazzudin (Quality Manager)**, the sessions covered the complete product development lifecycle, including ideation, formulation, sensory evaluation, shelf-life testing, FSSAI 2020 labelling requirements, and an introductory module on HACCP. Over 20 participants engaged in interactive discussions and hands-on learning, gaining clarity on industry expectations and scientific approaches for successful product launches.

### World Food Day Celebration 2025 – National Food Laboratory:

World Food Day celebration was conducted 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at NFL, Chennai in association with AFSTI Chennai chapter. Dr. Sanu Jacob (NFL), Mr. Pancham (FSSAI SRO) and Dr. Savitha P (VP, AFSTI Chennai) felicitated and addressed the academia. Over 30 academia members and faculties from various institutions in Chennai participated and discussed on possible opportunities and future events for collaboration.

### World Food Day Celebration 2025 – Rajalakshmi Engineering College:

The Department of Food Technology at Rajalakshmi Engineering College successfully celebrated **World Food Day 2025 – 80th Year Celebration** on **16 October 2025**, centered on the global theme "*Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future for Everyone.*" The event brought together students, faculty, and industry professionals to reflect on sustainable food systems and the future of global nutrition. The celebration featured sessions by distinguished speakers, including **Dr. Uday S. Annapure** (Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai), **Ms. Shumitha Periyasamy** (Founder & CEO, Food Buddies, Chennai), and **Dr. Nellai P. Subbiah** (Motivational Speaker and TV Show Director). Their perspectives on innovation, entrepreneurship, and societal awareness enriched the program and inspired student participants.

### FEAST 2025: SRM University

The Department of Food Technology, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, successfully organized a National Level Symposium – FEAST 2025 on 23rd September 2025 in association with AFSTI Chennai

Chapter and NutriSafe Student Club. The symposium served as an academic and professional platform for students, research scholars, academicians to exchange ideas, showcase innovations, and discuss emerging trends in food science and technology. Dr. Usha Antony, Dean, College of Fish Nutrition and Technology and Dr. Sanu Jacob, President AFST(I) Chennai Chapter graced the event as Chief guest. The event was designed to foster creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills through several technical events. Around 383 participants had registered and took part in the event.

#### **KFC FoSTaC training:**

The Chamber for Advancement of Small and Medium Businesses (CASMB) in collaboration with AFSTI Chennai Chapter successfully hosted KFC India's Sahyog Program at Queen Mary's College, Chennai on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025. The event brought together leading voices from the food & hospitality sector, focusing on food safety, regulatory practices, and industry collaborations.

The inaugural session began with a welcome by Dr. Aman Gupta (YUM Brand, India) Dr. Umesh Kamble, Secretary CASMB, introduced the esteemed guests, Mr. V.K. Pancham (Regional Director, FSSAI South Zone – Guest of Honor), and Thiru R. Lalvena, IAS (FDA Commissioner, Government of Tamil Nadu – Chief Guest), Mr. Sanu Jacob, President AFSTI Chennai chapter. FoSTaC Training was conducted for 100 Food Business Operators (FBOs), Under KFC India's Sahyog Program creating awareness on food safety.

#### **Future of food packaging Conference:**

The Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) conducted a One Day National Conference on **“Future of Food Packaging: Smart, Safe & Sustainable”** on **19<sup>th</sup> September 2025** in Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam in collaboration with AFSTI-Chennai chapter. Technical sessions were delivered on food packaging materials, regulations, advancements in sustainable packaging materials, intelligent systems for food quality monitoring, and compliance-driven innovations that are shaping the future of the food packaging industry. The conference was aligned to run alongside Compack 2025 – Complete Packaging Expo.

#### **Indian Traditional Food System Conference**

The Department of Home Science, Queen Mary's College, Chennai, successfully conducted a One-Day National Seminar on “Indian Traditional Food System Wisdom” on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025 as part of the National Nutrition Month celebrations. The seminar focused on rediscovering the scientific value behind indigenous dietary practices, highlighting their role in sustaining health and nutrition across generations. Speakers from diverse fields shared insights on traditional ingredients, culinary methods, and their growing significance in addressing modern lifestyle-related health issues.

#### **Expert Talk and Food Technology Association Inauguration:**

The Food Technology Association of Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan College of Engineering and Technology successfully inaugurated its activities for the academic year 2025–2026 on September 8, 2025 at the Campus Seminar Hall. The event featured Dr. Sanu Jacob, President from AFSTI-Chennai chapter, spoke about student membership drive, key benefits and professional development opportunities.

#### **Food & Drink Processing Expo 2025**

The Food & Drink Processing Expo 2025, organized by Synergy Exposures & Events India Pvt. Ltd., was successfully held from 2–4 July 2025 at the CODISSIA Trade Fair Complex, Coimbatore, with support from AFSTI Chennai. The three-day expo brought together industry leaders, manufacturers, technology providers, entrepreneurs, and food professionals to showcase the latest advancements in food and beverage processing, packaging, automation, refrigeration, cold-chain systems, and quality solutions.

With strong participation from over 300 exhibitors, the expo featured live machinery demonstrations, product innovations, and emerging technologies shaping India's food processing sector. Certified workshops were conducted by the Food Industry Skill Council (FICSI) on "Licensing, Labelling & Packaging" and "Allergen Management & Control". The event hosted knowledge sessions, investor interactions, and networking forums aimed at fostering collaboration and supporting the growth of start-ups in the food ecosystem. Co-located with the India Food Pack Expo and India Dairy Processing Expo, the event created a comprehensive platform for buyers, suppliers and food manufacturers.

### **FSSC Summit India 2025**

The FSSC Summit India 2025 was organized by the Foundation FSSC in partnership with the Andhra Chamber of Commerce, Consultants Consortium Chennai, RRMA, NABCB, and AFSTI Chennai chapter. It brought together industry leaders, certification bodies, consultants, regulators, and professionals from the textile, leather, food, and manufacturing sectors. The summit focused on strengthening social responsibility across global supply chains through the FSSC 24000 Social Management System.

The event featured insightful keynote addresses by **R. Selvam, IAS, Roop Rashi, Dr. V. L. Indira Dutt**, and global FSSC experts **Colin Morgan** and **Ante Batinic**, who highlighted the relevance of social sustainability, responsible sourcing, and the growing global demand for transparent labour practices. With 160+ participants, the summit fostered meaningful dialogue and reinforced the importance of building trust, accountability, and sustainable social practices across industries.

**Workshop on Nurturing Innovation: Intellectual Property (IP) Strategies in Food Technology and Biotechnology** was conducted by the College of Fish Nutrition and Food Technology (TNJFU) – Chennai on March 6, 2025. This event was conducted in collaboration with the Institute of Fisheries Post Graduate Studies, TNJFU, Chennai, and sponsored by the Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM) and the Association of Food Scientists & Technologists (AFST), India. The event took place at TNJFU - IFPGS, Vaniyanchavadi, Chennai. Technical sessions on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) were delivered by Dr. Sanu Jaob, Dr. M. R. Ramasubramaniyan, Dr. Gomati Padma Thilaga, Dr. Usha Raja Nanthini, Dr. Sasi Prabha and Dr. Deepa B to more than 120 participants.

### **Hands-On Workshop on Food Analysis Laboratory:**

The Department of Home Science, Centre for Nutrition-Counselling, Research and Extension Activities (CNCREA) at Women's Christian College, Chennai, in collaboration with the Association of Food Technologists in India (AFSTI), Chennai Chapter, and the National Food Laboratory (NFL), Chennai, successfully conducted a demonstration cum experiential workshop. The event took place on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Food Analysis Laboratory located on the ground floor of Mason Block at Women's Christian College, Chennai. Food safety officers from the NFL provided the demo and explained the basics, methodology and working principle of the lab analysis equipment including flame photometer, water activity analyser, pH meter, viscometer, penetrometer, consistometer and lactometer. Expert speakers including Dr. Sanu Jacob and Dr. Usha Antony highlighted the importance of collaborations between academic institutions, government bodies and professional associations.

### **AFST(I) Cochin Chapter**

AFST(I) Cochin Chapter continued various activities during the period under report.

1. 3/2/25 FOSTAC training (Advance Manufacturing Level 2) Kalbavi Cashews, Baikampady, Karnataka State.
2. 17/5/25 Annual General Body Meeting at CGOA Hall, Panampilly Nagar, Kochi. Release of Food Tech Times (special issue on chocolates).

3. 7/6/25 FOSTAC training (Advance Manufacturing Level 2) for Floress Food Ingredients, Puthoor, Kottarakkara, Kerala State)
4. 10/6/25 World Food Safety Day at Sree Mahadeva College, Vaikom.

### World Food Safety Day Observance

AFST (I) Cochin Chapter conducted a Workshop in connection with observance of World **Food Safety Day** at Sree Mahadeva College, Vaikom on 10 June 2025. Though World Food Safety Day comes up on 7 June, the workshop was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June as the college re-opened after holidays only on 9 June 2025.

The objective of the workshop was to create awareness among the students about the critical importance of Food Safety in our daily life. Students may be unwittingly attracted to foods which are tasty but may not be safe to eat due to contamination, presence of preservatives above permissible levels etc.

The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Sri. PGM Nair, MD of the College. He stressed the importance of food safety in everyday life. Students who are going to be in the future important citizen of India have to give greater care in selecting food products for maintaining good health of the body, he added.

Sri. TRS Menon, Chairman of the college, in his introductory remarks pointed out the present scenario of young people ignoring food safety and going after foods which are not nutritious and healthy.

Dr. DD Nambudiri in his presidential address highlighted the significance of World Food Safety Day. He mentioned the theme for **World Food Safety Day 2025 is Food safety: science in action**. Increasing incidents of food borne illness and food poisoning are reported every day which indicates the absence of awareness of food safety. He said food safety is everyone's business which means everyone is responsible for maintaining food safety. Students have to develop a food habit of consuming hygienic and safe food, he added

Keynote address on **World Food Safety Day** was delivered by Dr. B. Jacob Meledom, President AFST (I) Cochin chapter. He drew the attention of the participants to the fact that India has emerged as the country with highest population in the world pushing China to the second position. Consequently, we have greater responsibility to ensure food safety for millions of citizens. FSSAI is doing commendable job by spreading the message of food safety through regulations, campaigns and social media. However, we have to go a long way in creating awareness about food safety among our large population. He narrated the instances of surveillance by FSSAI which revealed cross violation of food safety norms in hotels, restaurants and by other food business operators.

Life styles have changed and more and more people depend upon food prepared outside their homes since processed foods are convenient and families where both husband and wife are working depend upon ready-to-eat or ready-to-cook foods. He brought the attention of the participants to the different hazards in foods-physical, chemical, biological and allergens. He also mentioned about how pesticide residues, heavy metals, antibiotics get into the food chain. He also brought to the attention of the participants the critical importance of safe temperature range for foods and the danger zone of temperature which allows multiplication of pathogenic bacteria. Mention was made about food borne illnesses, pathogens causing food borne diseases and food poisoning, cross contamination etc.

The presentation highlighted that ensuring food safety is the responsibility of everyone and requires collective efforts from individuals, business and government. By understanding the risks associated with food borne illnesses and implementing proper safety practices, we can significantly reduce the incidence of food-related health issues.

The slogan of this year's Food Safety Day "Food Safety is everyone's business" is to be borne in mind by every one of us.



Quiz programme on Food Safety was conducted by Rekha Menon, of AFST (I) Cochin Chapter. Three teams participated in the quiz programme and the winning team with the highest score was presented with certificate of appreciation and a cash prize.

5. 16/7/25 FOSTAC training (online) (Advance Manufacturing Level 2) for Vittal Agro, Kanhangad, Kerala.
6. 6/8/25 FOSTAC training (online) (Advance Manufacturing Level 2) for Krishnan Foods, Kollam, Kerala
7. 15/09/25 FOSTAC training for milk and milk products industry (Nutricream Chelamattom, Ernakulam Dt)
8. 16/09/25 FOSTAC training for milk and milk products industry (Nutricream Chelamattom, Ernakulam Dt)
9. 27/09/25 FOSTAC training for Cacobean chocolates units, Nellad, Muvattupuzha
10. World Food Day celebration scheduled on 16/10/25 at Sree Sankara College, Kalady

### **World Food Day Celebration**

AFST(I) Cochin chapter celebrated World Food Day on 16 Oct. 25 at Sree Sankara College, Mattoor, Kalady. The celebration started at 10.30 am with welcome address by Dr.B.Jacob Meledom, President of the chapter. He welcomed the Principal of the College, Dr.K.Anilkumar.

He also welcomed Chief guest Dr.K.Anilakumar, Professor, Amala Cancer Research Centre, Thrissur, Faculty members and students of Sree Sankara College.

He mentioned today is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of FAO. The theme for the current year of World Food Day is 'Better Foods for Better Future'. He mentioned that India is emerging as the World's food Basket supplying food to the world. However, we have to go a long way to ensure food safety, quality and nutritional balance of our foods.

Dr.K.Anilkumar, Principal of the college highlighted the importance of nutrition in foods. Now more and more people are taking food prepared outside home which has caused health problems. The food prepared by mother at home is not only nutrition rich but it carries love and affection of the mother which is not available in restaurants and hotels. He appreciated the efforts of AFST(I) in spreading the message of healthy foods and also food for all.

Prof. (Dr) K.Anilakumar delivered the key note address on functional foods, health promotion and disease prevention.

He mentioned that spices are rich sources of phytochemicals which are described as functional foods. He also described the role of vitamins, beta carotene and other nutrients in building immunity. He further narrated how nutraceuticals animal origin as well as plant origin are developed. He said there is immense scope and tremendous potential for developing innovative foods which the students can develop. They can also venture into start up for food products and become entrepreneurs.

A Quiz programmed for students was conducted by Smt.Rekha Menon, EC member, AFST(I) Prizes were awarded to the winners of the quiz programme.

This was followed by posters presentation by the students. 8 posters on different projects were present by the students and prizes were awarded to the best posters.

In the afternoon a food festival was organized for the students where they presented different food items prepared by them. There were millet based items of food which attracted the attention of visitors.

## AFST(I) Coimbatore Chapter

### Demonstration on Production of Gluten Free Bakery Products: 28/01/2025

The Department of B Voc Food Processing Technology organized a demonstration on the production of gluten-free bakery products for the students of I B.Voc Food Processing Technology. The demonstration was done at the Food Processing Centre of PSG College of Arts & Science on 28th January 2025 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The session provided an insightful and practical learning experience for the students, enabling them to understand the techniques and ingredients involved in gluten-free baking. A total of five gluten-free bakery products were prepared during the demonstration: Ragi Brownie with Sweet Potato, Kambu Cookies with Pumpkin Seeds, Kuthiraivaali Chocolate Cupcake, Kavuni Rice Brownie and Mixed Millet Carrot Muffin. The demonstration emphasized the importance of using alternative grains and natural ingredients to create nutritious and delicious gluten-free bakery products. Students gained hands-on experience in formulation techniques of gluten free products and baking processes. The session concluded with a discussion on the market potential of bakery products, highlighting the growing demand for gluten free bakery products among the health-conscious consumers and the individuals with gluten intolerance. Overall, the demonstration successfully enhanced the students' technical skills and provided them with a deeper understanding of gluten-free food production, which will be beneficial for their academic and professional growth in the food processing industry.

### Celebration of World Pulses Day: 10/02/2025

The Department of Food Processing Technology in association with AFSTI – Coimbatore chapter organized World Pulses Day Competition on 10th February 2025 to commemorate World Pulses Day - 2025. This year as a part of Pulses Day, competitions were conducted exclusively for the students of B.Voc Food Processing Technology. The theme for World Pulses Day 2025 was “Pulses: Bringing Diversity to Agrifood Systems”- Around 33 students from I. B.Voc FPT participated in Legume – Line up, where students highlighted the nutritional and health benefits of pulses through posters. Students of II B.Voc FPT participated in Pulzez -2025, by creating and showcasing innovative food products prepared from pulses and III.B.Voc FPT participated in Bean Bytez – Poster competition focusing on the current trends and research highlights in Pulses. The competitions created a platform for the students to showcase their creativity and highlight the role of pulses in our daily diet. The competitions were aimed at raising awareness about the nutritional value & diverse uses of pulses while promoting their consumption. Integrating pulses into our diets and agrifood systems, would unlock a more sustainable, nutritious and equitable future. Awareness on the role of pulses as a powerhouse of nutrient to increase global nutrition security and diversify agricultural systems was highlighted through the events.

### Guest Lecture on Awareness on Food Labelling Regulations: 12/02/2025

Awareness programme on “Food Labelling Regulations” was conducted by the Department of Food Processing Technology on 12.02.2025. Mr. Abubakker Siddiq, Operations Head and Trainer, SAS Micro, Karur has delivered a lecture on Food labelling regulations for I and II M.Sc Food Technology Management and III B.Voc Food Processing Technology students. He covered FSSAI Guidelines on Labelling of Food Products like nature of the food, List of Ingredients, Declaration regarding Vegetarian or Non-Vegetarian, Nutritional Information, Declaration regarding Food Additives, Name and Address of the Manufacturer, Net Quantity, Name and Address of the Manufacturer, Code No./Lot No./Batch No, Date of Manufacture and Best Before & Use By Date etc. He has also insisted on menu labeling requirements and provided some case studies to identify the error in the food labels and students had an interactive session.

### **Training Programme on Dessert Delight: The Lush Cakes: 14/02/2025**

Department of Food Processing Technology in association with Association of Food Scientists and Technologists of India [AFST(I)] – Coimbatore Chapter has conducted a Training Programme on “Dessert Delight: The Lush Cakes” on 14/02/2025. Around 30 students from various departments attended the Training Programme. Ms. Dharani Raja Sree, Founder, Sri Pastries, Palani and Ms. Swetha E. Founder, Cake Town, Palani trained the participants in the production of Cheese cakes, Tres Leches and Brownie. The programme commenced with formal invocation, welcome address and introduction of the trainers. The trainers explained the principles behind selection of ingredients, measuring and weighing of raw materials, techniques of mixing, panning and baking of Cheese cakes, Tres Leches and Brownie. Students were provided with necessary ingredients and were given hands-on training in making the cakes. The techniques of de-moulding and slicing, topping, icing and packing were also instructed. The prepared products and certificates were distributed to all the participants. They felt that this training programme was interesting and enhanced their understanding of baking techniques and expected to conduct such trainings in future. The programme was coordinated by Dr. M. Thamarai Selvi, Associate Professor & Head (UG) and Dr. Sindhu S., Assistant Professor, Department of Food Processing Technology.

### **Training Programme on Food Safety Systems: 18/02/2025 – 20/02/2025**

A Three Days Training Programme on Food Safety Systems was conducted from 18th to 20th February, 2025 at A104, PSG College of Arts and Science as part of the curriculum. The resource persons for the session were Mr. P Mohan, Academic Director of International Institute for Certification and Training and Ms Anu Chacko, Food Auditor, International Institute for Certification and Training, Aluva, Kerala.

The learning objectives of the program included learning about the genesis of HACCP system, the importance of implementing HACCP system, understanding legal requirements pertaining to HACCP Systems, understanding importance of prerequisite programmes, learning control measures and effectively implementing prerequisites to ensure food safety, understanding the seven principles, five preliminary steps of HACCP and develop competence to create an effective HACCP plan.

The training aimed to equip participants with the necessary skills to maintain food quality and prevent contamination in the food processing and handling sectors. The primary goal of the program was to educate participants on food safety regulations and standards, to promote good hygiene and sanitation practices in food handling, to provide insights into foodborne diseases and their prevention, to discuss strategies for ensuring food security in the supply chain, to introduce food safety management systems such as HACCP, FSSAI guidelines, and ISO standards.

The training program commenced with introduction to HACCP concepts, while the second day the students were taught about food safety hazards, control measures, Good Manufacturing Practices and Pre-Requisite Programs. The final day students learnt about Food Standards, food laws like FSSAI, ISO22000:2018 and Food Safety Management System.

The training included interactive lectures, practical demonstrations and case studies on various aspects of food safety and security. Students were given assignments and also divided into groups and had to present a presentation on implementation of HACCP in a food industry. The training concluded with doubt clarification and an examination conducted for the students on food safety and HACCP.

The training provided the students with an insight on food safety management systems implementation in food industries and the challenges faced. They were able to reflect on the theories from a practical aspect.

**Food Tecker'z – 2025 - 06/03/2025**

On 06<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the Department of Food Processing Technology, Food Processing Centre and Association of Food Scientists & Technologists (India) [AFST(I)] - Coimbatore Chapter jointly organized Food Tecker'z – 2025 - Symposium on Food Tech Nexus: Innovative Approaches for Better Health and Nutrition at GRD Auditorium, PSG College of Arts & Science. Dr. S. Radhai Sri, Associate Professor and Head (PG) welcomed the gathering during the inauguration. Dr. T. Kannaian, Secretary felicitated the symposium and highlighted the importance of integrating modern technology in traditional foods without compromising on the quality and ethics. Dr. K. Kadirvelu, Scientist 'G' Associate Director, DEBEL – DRDO, Ministry of Defense, Government of India & DRDO – Coordinator, DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence (DIA CoE), Bharathiar University Campus, Coimbatore delivered the inaugural address focusing on the importance of science, technology and innovation in national development. Changes in lifestyle and role of gut microbiome in offering personalized nutrition solutions were also dealt in the session. Dr. M. Thamarai Selvi, Associate Professor and Head (UG) proposed the vote of thanks for the inaugural session.

In technical session I, Dr. K. Kadirvelu, addressed on “Advanced Nutritional Solutions and Food Technologies for Armed Forces: Enhancing Performance and Endurance in Extreme Conditions”. The session focused on the role of DRDO in equipping the armed forces with competitive systems and solutions and importance of MRE in ensuring nutrition needs of armed forces with effective packaging technology to withstand subzero temperature was highlighted in the session.

In technical session II, Mr. Abdul Hanan, Advisory Board Member & Consultant, Chennai, Former Business Head & Vice President, Nestlé Health Science, South Asia Region, the distinguished alumnus of PSG College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore addressed the gathering on People with Purpose - Our Actions are our Future. The ice breaking session focused on the importance of self-belief and having a purpose in life. The current growth of FMCG particularly the food sector was also highlighted along with the importance of role of consumer buying behavior, organization, importance of marketing and communication in shaping career choices in food industry

Dr. R. Baskar, Professor and Head, Department of Food Technology, School of Chemical and Food Sciences, Kongu Engineering College, Perundurai, Erode delivered the technical session III on Innovations, Opportunities and Trends in Food Technology: An Engineering Perspective. Status of food industry, the current challenges in the food industry along with innovative approaches combining IOT with AI, 3D printing and non-thermal technologies like Pulsed Electric Field, High Pressure Processing, Innovative coating technologies for equipment and packages were focused during the session.

During the valediction, Dr. M. Senguttuvan, Principal i/c, PSG College of Arts & Science delivered the valedictory address. The address focused on the eating behavior pattern among the current population and its repercussions on health and overall well-being. The importance of timely food consumption, exercise and physical endurance in ensuring a healthy life style was addressed.

**Business Opportunities in Poultry Meat Processing Sectors: 19/03/2025**

An awareness session on the Poultry Meat Sector was organized with the objective of providing students comprehensive knowledge about poultry farming, rearing practices, and the preliminary processing of poultry meat. The session aimed to help students understand the growing importance of the poultry industry and the skills required to excel in this field.

Mrs. Mallika Sathish, Dietician and Chief Coordinator of the Poultry Farmers' Regulatory Committee (PFRC), served as the resource person for the event. In her address, she highlighted the rapid growth of the poultry meat industry in India, which includes both organized and unorganized sectors. She discussed

various aspects of poultry rearing, feeding practices for chickens, and consumer preferences towards poultry meat. Mrs. Sathish also dispelled common myths surrounding poultry consumption and emphasized the nutritional importance of broiler chickens, including innovations such as selenium-enriched “designer” poultry meat.

She further elaborated on the role of the Poultry Farmers’ Regulatory Committee, which provides guidelines and sets quality standards to ensure the production of safe and high-quality poultry meat from farm to processing. The committee also supports farmers with regulatory assistance and promotes good rearing practices to enhance public health and consumer trust. The session proved highly informative and beneficial to the students, enhancing their understanding of the poultry meat sector.

#### **Guest Lecture on Funding opportunities to raise start-ups: 19/03/2025**

The Department of Food Processing Technology organized a guest lecture on “Funding opportunities to raise start-ups” by Mrs. C. Gayathri, Project Lead, Coimbatore Regional Hub, Coimbatore on 19/03/2025 at Kaveri Hall.

The speaker highlighted the role of Government in enabling start-ups and functions of Start-up TN and schemes to start business in the field of Food processing. She explained the investor process, business model process to approach funds from the Government of Tamil Nadu. The schemes like MUDRA, MSME, Pradhan Manuhiri for start-ups were explained. She described the significance of various schemes for minority group of community people to initiate start-ups, funds allocated for women entrepreneurs and initiatives to support entrepreneurs, including funding, mentorship, and incubation programs, with the goal of making the state a Global Innovation Hub. The schemes were explained in order to motivate the young minds of the students to flourish in the field of business and entrepreneurship.

#### **Expert Talk on Innovations in Food Packaging: 04/07/2025**

The Department of Food Processing Technology organized a Expert talk on “Innovations in Food Packaging” by Mr. Venu Ayyar, Associate Director, Packaging and Printing Professional, Metal Container Manufacturers Association, Mumbai on 04/07/2025 at Podhigai Hall.

Mr. Venu Ayyar has more than 40 years of experience in packaging industry. Sir have designed and developed self-adhesive labels & mono cartons for nutraceutical and pharmaceutical companies. Sir served as the visiting faculty at MSME for training on development of suitable packaging material, Bar Codes, track & trace and related work to assist Small & Micro units in India.

The expert talk was conducted for students of UG Food Processing Technology and PG Food Technology Management to provide students with exposure to recent advancements in the packaging sector. The session drew attention on how food packaging has transformed in recent years, with increased focus on material safety, environmental responsibility and functional efficiency. The session began with an overview of commonly used materials such as plastic, paper, glass, and metal. Each material was discussed with regard to its advantages and challenges. The session emphasised on metal packaging, which is considered superior due to its strength, reusability, and recyclability. The expert explained that even if the thickness of metal is reduced, the packaging still retains its quality and durability. Students learned how small and micro enterprises can benefit from proper packaging, not only in preserving the product but also in gaining customer trust. Practical advice on labelling, traceability, and compliance with food safety standards made the session highly relevant for future professionals. The session enhanced the students’ understanding on the role of packaging and its importance in protecting food, improving shelf life, and attracting consumers. The session also emphasized the recent innovations in packaging materials and techniques which are eco-friendly and safe for consumers. The event concluded with an interactive Q&A session where students asked questions related to packaging materials, safety norms and sustainability practices and on edible packaging.



### **Mentoring Session on “Start Up Journey – Turning Passion into Profit”: 11/07/2025**

The session aimed at educating students and scholars on the essentials of starting and expanding a food-based start-up which was led by two inspiring alumnae, Ms. Sruthi V. and Ms. Divya O. Ms. Sruthi V. and Ms. Divya O., proud alumnae of PSG College of Arts and Science, hold a B.Voc degree in Food Processing Technology along with a PG Diploma in business management. During their academic journey, the duo actively pursued multiple food-based internships, gaining hands-on experience and industry insights. Inspired by their passion for food innovation and entrepreneurship, they co-founded CAFÉ CRAVE IN in 2023 that is expanding its presence through multiple branches. Their journey stands as a testament to the blend of academic excellence, practical exposure, and entrepreneurial spirit. The founders had shared the valuable knowledge and practical tips to the students from their struggles, lessons learnt and opportunities acquired. The duo had explained the process of developing a solid business plan, choosing the right location, and conducting effective market research. The guest speakers also emphasized the importance of regulatory compliance and introduced the students to mandatory licenses and certifications required for startups, especially in the food sector. This included MSME registration, HACCP, and FSSAI certification, which are vital for maintaining hygiene, quality, and legal standards in the food business. They discussed the importance of branding, marketing, and customer engagement. Through real examples from their own venture, they demonstrated how strong branding and timely customer feedback can significantly impact a business's growth. Students found the session highly engaging and appreciated the relatable examples shared by the speakers. It is a good opportunity to learn directly from successful young entrepreneurs who were once in the same classroom that made the session educational and inspiring. Around 156 participants attended the session including faculties, research scholars and students.

### **Guest Lecture on Study Opportunities at International Universities: 21/07/2025**

Career Zone, a reputed global education consultancy, is dedicated to guiding students aspiring to pursue higher education abroad by offering accurate information and end-to-end support throughout the application process. As part of their outreach initiative, a session was conducted for students by representatives from Career Zone, Coimbatore. Mrs. Nagalakshmi, representing Career Zone, addressed the students and introduced them to the various academic opportunities available at international universities. She emphasized the importance of planning and financial preparedness when considering overseas education and delivered a comprehensive orientation on the step-by-step process of applying to international universities. Her presentation highlighted several key benefits of studying abroad, including exposure to a multicultural learning environment, access to cutting-edge research facilities, opportunities for global networking, enhanced career prospects. She also provided an overview of the general admission requirements. This includes the development of relevant skills, participation in extracurricular activities, and the pursuit of supplementary academic courses. Additionally, she shared a curated list of academic programs in the field of food processing technology offered by international institutions. The session concluded with an interactive question-and-answer segment, allowing students to clarify their doubts regarding the application process and financial aspects. Overall, the session proved to be highly informative and motivating, equipping students with the necessary knowledge and resources to explore and pursue higher education opportunities abroad.

### **New Local Executive Committee – AFST(I) Coimbatore Chapter 2025: 24/07/2025**

Meeting for the newly elected members of the AFST(I) Coimbatore Chapter was conducted on 24th July 2025 at 02:30 pm through hybrid mode. The agenda included was conduct of online election for chapters, introduction and assumption of charge by new LEC members and any other. The following members were elected as the new Local Executive Committee (LEC) for the term 2025–2026 of the AFST(I) Coimbatore Chapter.

- President - Dr. S. Radhai Sri, Coordinator - Food Processing Centre, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore
- Vice- President - Dr. Wasiya Farzana, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Processing Technology, Karunya Institute of Technology & Sciences, Coimbatore
- Secretary - Dr. Sindhu S., Assistant Professor, Department of Food Processing Technology, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore
- Treasurer - Dr. M. Thamarai Selvi, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Food Processing Technology, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore

The newly elected office bearers were introduced to the members present. The chapter members were requested to update their AFST(I) profile in the official website.

#### **Guest Lecture on Bridging Science and Market to Develop and Scale Wholesome Foods for Consumers: 25/07/2025**

The Department of Food Processing Technology has organized a Guest Lecture on Bridging Science and Market to Develop and Scale Wholesome Foods for Consumers on 25th July 2025. The resource person Ms. Nidhitra Rajmohan, Director & Co-Founder, SAFE BEE Wellness Pvt Ltd, Coimbatore, shared an overview of her key achievements as a Table Tennis player. She highlighted the importance in selection of raw materials that impacts the quality of the end product. The session emphasized on the importance of clean labelling and also the significance of healthy eating. She explained the evolution of the brand SAFE BEE and its range of products, while also touching upon emerging technology that can aid in the scaling up of food production. She expressed her interest in educating school children, athletes and mothers with a focus on selection of healthy food choices, consuming nutritious and balanced food. She also explained how it helped her to scale the products to the community. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment, where students had the opportunity to clarify their questions related to product development, scalability and marketing.

#### **Guest Lecture on “Industry Expectations from Food Technologists”: 20/08/2025**

Department of Food Processing technology organized a guest lecture on Industry Expectations from Food Technologists with the objectives to equip students with the essential skills needed by the industry and to impart comprehensive knowledge about the operations and functioning of food industries.

Mr. Jijin P W, Head of New Product Development, began the lecture by interacting with the students on the purpose of opting Food Processing Technology as the career choice. He shared his experience transitioning from student to Head of New Product Development, which motivated the students. He provided valuable insights into the operations of the food industry. He also spoke about job requirements, industry needs and the current state of food processing industries in India and compared the scope in abroad. Additionally, he discussed with the students how the industry functions in terms of regulations and standards. He urged the students to consistently enhance the understanding of food technology to effectively address challenges and boost the career opportunities in the food processing industry. He emphasised the significance of regularly conducting market visits to stay updated on new product launches. He advised the students to have a strong desire to learn new skills and to regularly refresh the knowledge of the newest technologies. He concluded the session by insisting the students to volunteer, participate in extracurricular and academic activities to strength their life skills to sustain and succeed in their career. 168 students from B.Voc Food Processing Technology and M.Sc. Food Technology Management participated in the programme.

### **Entrepreneurship Skill Training Workshop on Bake & Build: Pastry Skills for Aspiring Entrepreneurs: 22/08/2025**

One day Entrepreneurship Skill Training Workshop on “Bake & Build: Pastry Skills for Aspiring Entrepreneurs” was held for the III B.Voc Food Processing Technology students. Ms Sowmeya ML, Assistant Professor in the Department of Hospitality Management, PSG College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore was the resource person for the workshop. Pastry making includes preparation of a variety of products such as pies, tarts, croissants, puff pastries and baklava. Students learnt the role of key ingredients such as flour, fat (such as butter or shortening), water, and sugar and eggs and the need for taking them in right proportion. Students also learnt the techniques such as mixing, rolling, shaping, and baking in achieving desired textures- ranging from flaky and crispy to soft and tender. Students gained hands-on experience in preparing a variety of pastries such as apple pie, breads, croissants, baklava, and puffs, along with learning to make suitable fillings. 31 students of III B.Voc Food Processing Technology took part in the training programme.

### **One Day Workshop on Concept to Launch: The Entrepreneurial Journey and Business Model Canvas: 25/082025**

Mr. Deepak Rishi R, Founder, Food Curator & Consultant, ANJARAIPETTI, Coimbatore who is an alumnus of B.Voc Food Processing Technology belonging to 2017-2020 batch has five years of experience as a food curator and consultant. He started Anjaraipettai in 2023 with the motive of providing private dining's and experiential dining to the customers. 137 students participate in the one day workshop conducted by department of Food Processing Technology. The session was conducted to provide students and scholars with a structured approach to business planning using the Business Model Canvas framework. The speaker addressed the students on creating business model canvas through examples. Emphasis was given on the financial aspects, including revenue streams, cost structure, and the role of partnerships in scaling a business. Case comparisons, such as the choice between a private dining space and a restaurant, were used to make the session more relatable. Following the session the students were divided into random groups and were give business ideas to develop into business model. The students presented their business model canvas on the allotted business ideas to the resource person and to the participants. The session was designed around the Business Model Canvas. Key questions addressed are customer segments, value proposition, channels, customer relationship, revenue streams, key resources, key activities, key partners and cost structure. Participants gained exposure to strategic planning for start-ups.

### **Three days Training Programme on TQM Tools and Quality Assurance for Food Industry: 01/09/2025 – 03/09/2025**

Department of Food Processing Technology organized three days training programme in association with Makeintern, E-Cell, IIT, Hyderabad from 01/09/2025 to 03/09/2025 with the objective to familiarize students on the various TQM tools such as Lean Six Sigma, Kaizen, to understand the Auditing principles, Process and documentation procedures of various ISO Audits followed in food industry and to highlight the role of IT and AI in ensuring food safety and quality in food sector.

Mr Basavaraj Meti, Consultant & Trainer, MakeIntern, E -Cell, IIT-Hyderabad, Former Associate Director - Quality & Food Safety, AB InBev India &South East Asia, Bengaluru who has thirty years of industrial experience handled the sessions by sharing real time experiences and provided hands on sessions for internal auditing and drafting SOPs.

The first day began with the inauguration, orientation on quality and food safety. Training covered sources and types of contamination demonstrated with the SIPOC model and introduced validation and verification stages to the participants. Good manufacturing Practices (GMP) and its principles, requirements, and labelling defects were explained. Activities for day 1 included a group discussion on FSMS implementation. Groups

drafted SOPs and checklists for implementing FSMS in cake mixes, mapping GMP from procurement through distribution. PRP, OPRP, CCP mapping, production and monitoring for cake premix was done and presented by the participants.

The second day of training focused on statistical and procedural tools for food safety management. Failure Mode and Effect Analysis (FMEA), its types, roles, teams, worksheets and applications in food processing were discussed during the session. Seven QC tools such as process flowchart, pareto analysis, checklists, histograms, scatter diagram, cause-effect diagrams and fishbone analysis were also dealt. The four categories of quality costs and TQM principles such as Kaizen and nine types of waste were explained for continuous improvement practices in food industry. Activity for day 2 included group activity with a mock audit and reporting practice.

The final day focused on standards, implementation, recall procedures, advancements in certification and integration of Information Technology that included Product recall procedures and model cases. Overview and implementation of ISO 9001, ISO 17025, scope, documentation, accreditation and benefits were also discussed. International standards relevant to food safety and Legal Metrology along with its objectives, labelling, requirements were highlighted during the session. Comparison of standards like ISO 22000, FSSC 22000, IFS, SQF, GFSI and role of Information Technology in food sector with its latest AI and machine learning applications in food business operations and supply chain management was also dealt during the session. The three days training program concluded with assessment from all modules followed by a feedback and Vote of Thanks.

### **AFSTI Membership Drive**

The AFST(I) Coimbatore chapter has motivated the students, academicians and industrial persons to register for AFST(I) membership. Around **90 members** registered for student membership and **08 members** registered direct life membership through membership drive.

### **World Food Day Celebrations - Food Conclave – 2025: 22/09/2025 - 24/09/2025**

In observance of National Nutrition Month and World Food Day 2025, Association of Food Scientists & Technologists (India) [AFST(I)] – Coimbatore Chapter, and Food Processing Centre in association with Department of Food Processing Technology, PSG College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore organized “Food Conclave – 2025” comprising of technical & non-technical events on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 & an International Seminar on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

The technical events like Foodie Quest (Quiz Competition) and Food Navigator (Treasure Hunt) were conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 for the college students. The events were aimed to encourage teamwork, logical reasoning, problem-solving, and active participation among students from different departments. A total of 70 students from various disciplines has participated.

The non-technical events Blind Spot (perception-based challenge), Brainramid – (puzzle solving competition), Tunglish Mazhai (linguistic event), Food Flash (memory game) and Blow the Ball (physical coordination) were conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 to foster team spirit, creativity & participant interaction. A total of 261 students participated in the events.

An **International Seminar** on “**Better Food, Better Future: Empowering Change through Science & Innovation**” was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at Podhigai hall, PSG College of Arts and Science. The seminar was presided by Dr. M. Senguttuvan, Principal In-charge and felicitated by Dr. T. Kannaian, Secretary. The inaugural address was presented by Mr. Basawaraj Meti, Food Consultant and Trainee and Associate Director (Former), Quality and Food Safety – India and South East Asia, AB InBev, Bangalore, India and South East Asia, who threw light on the prevalence of malnutrition and the role of food processing in the

development of sustainable food products for combating malnutrition. Technical Session I was addressed by Dr. P. Sathiyamurthi, Chief Executive Officer, Moon Foods, Thiruchengode, Namakkal on “Translating Food Science into Business; Navigating production, Policy and Market Dynamics”. He shared his entrepreneurial experience and key points on becoming a successful entrepreneur. Dr. S. Karthikeyan, Professor & Head, Centre for Post-Harvest Technology, Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore has addressed the Technical Session II on “Functional Foods and Micro biota: Advancing Nutrition for a Better Future”. He has highlighted the advances in Gut Micro Biota research and functional foods role in enhancing health and preventing lifestyle diseases. Technical Session III was handled by Ms. Zahista Gafoor, Public Health Nutritionist, Founder GAFO+, United Kingdom on the topic “Food Technology-Strategic Approach to Public Health Improvement”. She discussed about the need and significance of utilizing new technologies to bring out innovative yet nutritious food product. Valedictory session was concluded by felicitating the winners & runners with certificates and prizes. Around 214 participants attended the seminar and gained exposure to latest trends in food technology such as functional foods, microbiota research and public health strategies.

### **World Food Day Celebrations - Nutrivora 2025 & National Seminar – 09/10/2025 & 10/10/2025**

The Division of Food Processing Technology in association with Innovation Institution Council (IIC), Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore celebrated World Food Day 2025 by organising Nutrivora 2025 – National Food Ideathon and a National Seminar on 09<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

An Innovation Boot Camp with three sessions on Ideation and Validation, Marketing and Strategies and approaching a Hackathon were conducted on 09<sup>th</sup> October 2025, providing a comprehensive framework for developing innovative solution in food technology. An interaction session with Mr. Sriram K, Global Process R&D, Mondelez International, enriched the participants’ understanding of innovation in the food industry. The day concluded with an integrated perspective on ideation, marketing and execution, equipping attendees with the mindset and practical tools to transform creative ideas into viable innovations.

The inaugural edition of NUTRIVORA 2025 – National Food Ideathon was conducted through the student association ESSENZZ – The Association of Food Engineers to empower students to propose innovative solutions addressing key challenges in food technology and processing on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025. A total of 250 registrations were received from institutions across India and abroad, with 77 teams submitting concept proposals in the preliminary round. Based on the evaluation, 30 teams advanced to the finals. The event successfully showcased the creativity and technical knowledge of young innovators and reflected Karunya’s commitment to fostering research-oriented learning, entrepreneurship, and sustainable solutions in the food sector.

A national seminar on “Innovation in Food Industry R&D: Opportunities and Challenges for Future Professionals” to engage young minds in advancing food sector. Dr. Wasiya Farzana, Vice President, AFSTI Coimbatore Chapter welcomed the gathering. Dr. D. Nirmal, Dean, School of Engineering and Technology, delivered the presidential address emphasizing the global transformation of the food sector through technology, research, and sustainable practices. The keynote speaker, Mr. Sriram K, Global Process R&D, Mondelez International, addressed on “Innovation in Food Industry R&D: Opportunities and Challenges for Future Professionals” and shared his professional journey. He highlighted the vast career opportunities within the food industry and discussed challenges in start-up ecosystems, emphasizing sustainability in ingredient sourcing and packaging, and the cost of disruptive innovations. He also underscored the growing importance of data science, digital modelling, and international exposure in the future of food R&D, while encouraging students to cultivate a balance of technical competence, confidence and humility.



Through expert talks and participatory activities, the programme successfully bridged academic learning with industrial perspectives, offering participants a comprehensive understanding of emerging opportunities in the food industry. It inspired students to pursue innovation-driven careers grounded in sustainability, research and technological advancement.

### **AFST(I) Davangere Chapter**

The AFST(i) Davangere Chapter was established in the year 2020-21. Presently the chapter holds 71 life members and 80 student members. The chapter actively involved in conducting various activities for under graduate, post graduate and research scholars. Actively involved in all the CEC meetings and Zonal meeting held at various places physically/online mode. The circulars and notifications of events conducted by the AFST(i) HQ and the other chapter was circulated time to time to chapter members and students motivated and take part in few of the activities conducted by AFSTi HQ in association with various chapters/institutions.

- The chapter holds LEC meeting very regularly to discuss plan of action of the chapter and to conduct to various activities for the under graduate and post graduate students.
- Special lecture on “Climate change and Food Systems by Dr. Vadlapudi Kumar, Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Davangere University was organised on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in association with Foodtech Forum.
- Special event was conducted for MSc Food Technology students on “Formulations of Nutri-rich health drinks” on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 in association with Foodtech Forum. Cash awards was given for winners.
- Special lecture by Mr. Praveen P., Manager, Loss Prevention, Reliance Smart, Davangere, enlightened the students on the talk “Navigating the evolving landscape of sales and marketing in Indian marketing from 1947 to 2025, on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
- Special awareness programme on “Safety Measures during Emergency” was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 in association with Foodtech forum and Youth Red Corss Society, Dr. V.L.S. Kumar, First Aid Master Trainer, National & South Asia Disaster Resource Team, Indian Red Cross Society.
- Special awareness programme on Nutrition, Food Quality & Hygiene, Malnutrition and BMI was conducted in association with MSW department, Davangere University for higher primary school students at Kalapanahally village, Davangere district on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025.
- Certificate training programme on “Basic Manufacturing” under PMFME Scheme and Importance of FoSTcC on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025. Dr. Thippanna K.S., Assistant Professor, University of Horticulture Sciences, Bagalkot was the master trainer.
- Through special membership drive 07 life members and 20 student’s membership were enrolled in the current year through our chapter.
- In association with Foodtech Forum Placement drive was conducted for M.Sc Food Technology students through Venkateshwara Hatcheries, Ranebennur, Haveri and four members were placed in the company.
- The World Food Day-2025 was celebrated on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025, Dr. Prakash M. Halami, Chief Scientist, Dept. of Microbiology and Fermentation Technology, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru and Dr. Sanchitha A.S., Chief Medical Officer, Valyou Products Pvt. Ltd., (Amrith Noni), Shimoga were the resource persons of the occasion.
- Annual General Body meeting of the LEC is scheduled to conduct on last week of December 2025.

## AFST(I) Dehradun Chapter

### 1. World Food Day 2025 - Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Theme:** “Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future”

**Resource Person:** Prof. Parmjit S. Panesar from Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, and Prof. (Dr.) Bhupender S. Khatkar from Megastar Foods Pvt. Ltd.

**Brief Description:**

The program commenced with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Narpinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, who emphasized the relevance of the World Food Day theme and discussed global challenges related to food security, climate change, and sustainable agriculture.

Prof. Panesar delivered a talk on “Bio-valorization of Food Industry Byproducts: Towards Sustainable Utilization and Circular Economy”, highlighting innovative approaches for converting food residues into value-added products. Prof. Khatkar’s session, on “Food Processing Industry: Catalyzing Rural Growth for a Better Future” focused on the role of food processing in reducing post-harvest losses and promoting rural development.

The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 100 students, with 20 student teams presenting creative food stalls that showcased innovative products and ideas. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. (Dr.) Vinod Kumar, Head of the Department, followed by a token of appreciation to the guests and a high tea session.

### 2. National Nutrition Week 2025- Date: 1st – 4th September 2025

**Theme:** “*Eat Right for a Better Life*”

**Resource Person:** Dr. Sunil Kumar Mishra, Ms. Shweta Singh, and Dr. (Lt. Col.) Sudip Azad from Graphic Era Institute of Medical Sciences

**Brief Description:**

The week-long celebration was aimed at creating awareness about the importance of healthy eating habits, nutrition therapy, and lifestyle modification in promoting overall well-being. The event comprised guest lectures, competitions, health awareness activities, and interactive sessions that received enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members.

The inaugural day, 1st September 2025, began with an enlightening guest lecture at Vidhan Sabha Chanakya Block by Dr. Sunil Kumar Mishra and Ms. Shweta Singh from Graphic Era Institute of Medical Sciences, Dehradun. They delivered an informative talk on “Mastering Nutritional Therapy in Diabetes and Obesity” which emphasized dietary management in lifestyle disorders. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 150 students.

Following the lecture, a creative and engaging team competition titled “Nutri-Doodles: A Pictionary Competition” was held at the Old MCA Block, providing students a platform to express their nutritional knowledge through art and creativity.

On the second day, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025, another guest lecture was organized at Vidhan Sabha Chanakya Block, delivered by Dr. (Lt. Col.) Sudip Azad from Graphic Era Institute of Medical Sciences, Dehradun. His lecture on “Mood Food and Mind: The Science for Mental Well-Being” highlighted the interconnection between diet, mood, and mental health. Post lecture, students participated in an exciting Recipe Display Competition held at the Department of Food Science & Technology.

Participants prepared innovative and nutritious recipes that reflected the theme of the week while showcasing their culinary skills.

The third day, 3rd September 2025, was marked by a student visit to the Graphic Era Institute of Medical Sciences, Dehradun. This visit provided students with hands-on exposure to clinical nutrition practices, patient care, and real-world applications of nutritional science.

The final day, 4th September 2025, concluded the eventful week with two major activities. A Nutri-Quiz Competition was held at the Old MCA Block, testing participants' knowledge on food, health, and nutrition. Alongside this, "Nutrition on Spot" was conducted, offering individualized BMI checks, dietary tips, and personalized nutrition guidelines to students and faculty members. These activities witnessed active involvement and generated keen awareness about maintaining a balanced diet and lifestyle.

Overall, National Nutrition Week 2025 was a grand success, inspiring students to adopt healthier dietary practices while fostering scientific learning through lectures, competitions, and health checkups. The Department of Food Science & Technology expressed its gratitude to all the guest speakers, participants, volunteers, and organizers for their valuable contribution towards the successful execution of the event.

**Industry–Academia Meet- Date:** 1st April 2025

**Resource Person:** Mr. Sachin Vadhotiya, Plant Head (HR), Haldiram Snacks Food Pvt. Ltd.

**Brief Description:**

The *Industry–Academia Meet*, aimed at strengthening collaboration between academia and industry. The event witnessed the participation of 10 faculty members and more than 50 final-year students of B.Sc. and M.Sc. Food Technology. Mr. Vadhotiya engaged with undergraduate students from the Department of Food Science & Technology, sharing valuable insights on industry expectations, essential skills, and emerging trends in the food processing sector. The interactive session highlighted the importance of aligning academic curricula with industry demands, fostering innovation, and promoting future collaborations in research and product development. Overall, the event successfully facilitated meaningful dialogue aimed at enhancing student employability and strengthening the academia–industry interface.

### 3. **Guest Lecture on “Foreign Exposure and Opportunities for Higher Studies”**

**Date:** 25th February 2025

**Resource Person:** Dr. Monu Verma, Research Professor, University of Seoul, South Korea

**Brief Description:**

Dr. Monu Verma delivered an insightful session on opportunities for higher studies abroad, focusing on admission processes, eligibility criteria, scholarships, and research funding. He shared practical guidance on securing placements in reputed universities and adapting to the academic and cultural environments of foreign institutions. He also shared insights into the lifestyle, academic culture, and working habits in foreign universities, helping students understand the expectations and work ethics required for success abroad. The session also motivated students to explore international research collaborations and apply for competitive grants. Moreover, the insights into foreign university life and work culture prepared attendees for a smoother transition into international academia. Overall, the lecture inspired students to broaden their academic horizons and pursue higher studies with confidence.

#### 4. National Science Day Celebration

**Date:** 28th February 2025

**Brief Description:**

The Department celebrated *National Science Day* to honor Sir C.V. Raman's remarkable discovery of the Raman Effect. The celebration featured a range of engaging activities, including food stalls, poster-making competitions, and reel & meme contests, all designed to inspire scientific creativity and active student participation. The event successfully blended fun with learning, showcasing the role of science in everyday food innovations. More than 100 students from various departments enthusiastically participated in the celebration.

#### 5. Food Festival 2024

**Date:** 13th November 2024

**Brief Description:**

The Food Festival celebrated culinary diversity and entrepreneurship. Students set up stalls featuring regional and innovative dishes, promoting practical learning, teamwork, and cultural exchange. The event encouraged cross-departmental participation. This not only gave them an opportunity to earn revenue but also provided hands-on experience in entrepreneurship and event management. The event successfully brought together the university community, providing a unique opportunity for students to showcase their culinary talents and business acumen.

#### 6. Participation in the 28th State Youth Festival 2024

**Dates:** 10th–14th November 2024

**Brief Description:**

The 28th State Youth Festival 2024, organized by the Government of Uttarakhand in collaboration with the National Service Scheme (NSS), was held at the Parade Ground in Dehradun. This grand event brought together students and professionals from various institutions, fostering innovation and cultural exchange and the participation was financially supported by Graphic Era Deemed to Be University, which provided resources for product development and stall setup. The Department of Food Science & Technology actively participated under the theme "Innovation in Science and Technology." Students showcased two innovative health-based food products — *Ragi Chocolate Laddu* and *Oats Protein Bar*. The exhibit received wide appreciation for its focus on natural ingredients and sustainable nutrition, offering students a platform for exposure, networking, and product innovation.

#### 7. International Workshop on "Securing the Future of Food: Sustainable Processing and Preservation Strategies"

**Date:** 21st October 2024

**Resource Persons:** Prof. (Dr.) Katsuyoshi Nishinari (Osaka City University, Japan) and Dr. Rekha S. Singhal

**Brief Description:**

The workshop began with a keynote address by Prof. (Dr.) Katsuyoshi Nishinari, Professor Emeritus, Osaka City University, Japan. Dr. Nishinari addressed innovative approaches to food processing and preservation, focusing on sustainability in the food industry and covered various topics related to the concept of food hydrocolloids, discussing their role in enhancing food texture and stability. Participants learned how hydrocolloids can improve the mouthfeel of products and extend shelf life while contributing to sustainable practices. A significant portion of the workshop focused on the oral

processing behavior of different food types, where the expert examined how texture influences the perception of food, discussing examples such as tender juicy steak versus tough dry meat.

The central theme of Dr. Singhal's lecture revolved around protein processing and its critical role in addressing global food security and sustainability challenges. She emphasized the need for innovative and efficient methods to process and preserve proteins derived from diverse sources, including novel alternatives like insect protein and lab-grown meat. A significant aspect of the lecture was the emphasis on the circular economy approach. Dr. Singhal outlined how this model can be implemented in the food sector to minimize waste, optimize resource utilization, and ensure environmental sustainability. By integrating waste streams back into the production cycle, the circular economy promotes sustainability while reducing the ecological footprint of food processing industries.

The workshop on sustainable processing and preservation strategies was a valuable learning experience for all participants. By focusing on sustainable practices, the workshop encouraged attendees to consider innovative approaches that align with current food industry challenges. The lecture provided valuable insights for researchers, practitioners, and students, highlighting actionable strategies to create a more sustainable and resilient global food system.

## AFST(I) Delhi Chapter

1. **Dr. Amla B. L. Memorial Lecture:** The AFSTI Delhi Chapter organized the Dr. Amla B. L. Memorial Lecture at SRM University, Delhi-NCR Campus, Sonipat. Brigadier S.K. Kaushik, Brigadier Food Inspection, Quarter Master General Branch, Army HQ, delivered an engaging lecture on the theme *"Rediscovering Food as Medicine: What's the New Evidence?"* on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Dr. Nilesh Amritkar, President of AFSTI, opened the event with a welcome address and an overview of AFSTI's activities. Prof. Paramjit S. Jaswal, Vice-Chancellor of SRM University, emphasized the significance of food in maintaining health and expressed interest in formalizing a collaboration between SRM University and AFSTI through an MoU. Dr. Dinkar B. Kamble, President of AFSTI Delhi Chapter, concluded the event with a vote of thanks. The session was moderated by Dr. Swarnima Dey, Assistant Professor at SRM University, and coordinated by Dr. Yogesh Kumar, Ph.D., ensuring the event's success.
2. **Webinar:** Business Opportunities in Indian traditional Food webinar was organized on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Mr. Shantanu Gupta from green Food Consultancy was made presentations on the importance of Indian traditional food products and their business perspective.

### 3. AFSTI Delhi Chapter and Centric Software Host F&B CXO Conclave

The AFSTI Delhi Chapter, in collaboration with Centric Software, successfully hosted the Centric F&B Conclave for CXOs on 9 May 2025 at *The Park Hotel, Sansad Marg, New Delhi*. The conclave brought together top CXOs, technology innovators, and thought leaders to explore how integrated digital platforms can revolutionize product development, traceability, and compliance in the food and beverage sector.

Theme: *Transforming the Indian Food & Beverage Industry with Integrated Product Data*

The event began with a Welcome Address by Mr. Ruchir Shankar (Centric Software), who emphasized the role of digital transformation in driving competitiveness and agility in the F&B industry. The Keynote Address Dr. Prabodh S. Halde (Marico Ltd.) advocated for establishing a *"Single Source of Truth"* through centralized product data systems to enhance efficiency and compliance. During the Technical Session, Mr. Srinivas Ramanujam showcased the transformative potential of integrated Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) systems, while Mr. Brinold Almeida (Graviss Foods – Baskin Robbins) shared real-world success stories demonstrating PLM implementation in the food sector.



A Special Recognition was presented to Shri Ajay Pande for his pivotal role as the key coordinator behind the conclave's successful execution.

The program was graced by Dr. Dinkar B. Kamble, President; Dr. Dipti Sharma, Vice President; Ms. Vipasha, Treasurer; and Mr. Shantanu Gupta of AFSTI Delhi Chapter, who appreciated the collaborative efforts in advancing digital innovation across the F&B ecosystem.

#### 4. **AFSTI Delhi Chapter Seminar at FI India Conference**

The AFSTI Delhi Chapter successfully organized a thought-provoking seminar titled "*From Lab to Label: Innovations in Food Ingredients and Products*" as part of the FI India Conference. The event brought together leading industry professionals, scientists, academicians, and regulators to discuss emerging innovations, challenges, and opportunities in food ingredient and product development.

The seminar began with a warm welcome by Dr. Ranjana Pande, who highlighted AFSTI's commitment to bridging science, innovation, and industry for the advancement of the food sector. Dr. Dinkar B. Kamble, President, AFSTI Delhi Chapter, set the context with an insightful introduction, emphasizing the integration of research, regulatory compliance, and consumer-driven innovation to shape the future of food products. Mr. Sagar Kurade, Managing Director, Suman Project Consultants Pvt. Ltd., graced the occasion as Guest of Honour, while Mr. Krishan Gupta, Managing Director, Organic Wellness Products Pvt. Ltd., joined as Chief Guest for the inaugural session.

The technical session featured expert talks by Mr. Prashant Lungade (Cargill India), Dr. Manish Singh (FoodKraft Advisors), Ms. Rini Sanyal (FoodChain ID), Prof. M. K. Salooja (Former Director, School of Agriculture, IGNOU), and Shri Satish Bhorkade (Flavosys India Pvt. Ltd.), who shared insights on various aspects of innovative product development. A key highlight was the panel discussion on "*Novel Food Ingredients and Their Uses*," moderated by Mr. K. M. Nath, Ex-Joint Director, FSSAI. The distinguished panel comprised Mr. Pradip Chakraborty (Ex-Director, FSSAI), Dr. Sujata Pandit (Professor, Sharda University), Mr. Shantanu Gupta (Green Food Consultancy), and Ms. Aditi Oberoi Kapoor (VP – R&D and Operations, Aarkay Food Products Ltd.). The discussion explored regulatory preparedness, scientific validation, sustainability, and consumer trends driving innovation in areas such as plant-based proteins, natural colours, and nutraceuticals. Panelists also discussed challenges related to scalability, safety assurance, and cost optimization.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. Vipasha, Treasurer, AFSTI Delhi Chapter, who expressed gratitude to all speakers, panelists, and delegates for their active participation and encouraged continued collaboration to foster innovation in the food industry.

#### 5. **World Food Safety Day 2025:**

The AFSTI Delhi Chapter, in collaboration with the Department of Food Technology, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College for Women, University of Delhi, celebrated World Food Safety Day 2025 on 07.06.2025 with a thematic event titled "*Food Safety: Science in Action*."

The event began with a warm welcome by Dr. Dipti Sharma, who invited Dr. Dinkar B. Kamble to introduce the keynote speaker. Dr. Kamble highlighted AFSTI's national initiatives and underscored the significance of World Food Safety Day in promoting awareness and collective action for food safety and sustainability.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Desham Kodandaram Reddy, Assistant Professor, Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi, who elaborated on the theme "*Food Safety: Science in Action*." He emphasized the pivotal role of science and innovation in strengthening food safety systems and

ensuring sustainable food futures. The event was ably moderated by Dr. Dipti Sharma, with special coordination by Mr. Shantanu Gupta and Ms. Vipasha from IIT Delhi.

6. **General Body Meeting:** The online elections were conducted for various office bearers of AFSTI Delhi Chapter in the month of June 2025 and the general Body meeting of AFSTI Delhi Chapter was conducted on 2 August 2025 at IICHE, Delhi. The newly elected office bearers have inducted to the office.

- ✓ Dr. Dinkar B. Kamble- President
- ✓ Dr. Dipti Sharma- Vice President
- ✓ Ms. Rini Sanyal- Secretary
- ✓ Ms. Vipasha – Treasurer

7. **National Nutrition Month-2025**

The AFST(I) Delhi Chapter, in collaboration with the Department of Food Technology and Home Science, Vivekananda College (University of Delhi), successfully celebrated National Nutrition Month on 30th September 2025.

The event featured an enlightening talk by Dr. Surender Singh Ghonkrokta on the theme “Reviving Traditional Wisdom for a Healthier Nation.” His address emphasized the significance of integrating traditional food wisdom with modern nutrition science to promote a healthier and more sustainable future. A highlight of the programme was the National Recipe Competition on the theme “Protein-Enriched Millet Recipes.” The competition showcased innovative millet-based dishes by students from across the country, encouraging creativity and awareness about the nutritional and environmental benefits of millets. Dr. Dinkar B. Kamble, President, AFST(I) Delhi Chapter, served as one of the judges for the competition and appreciated the participants for their innovative approaches toward healthy eating.

The AFST(I) Delhi Chapter extended special thanks to Prof. Pinki Maurya (Principal, Vivekananda College), Prof. Sukhneet Suri, Mr. Maanas Sharma, Dr. Arushi Jain, Dr. C. Lal Muanpuia, and other faculty members and students of the Department of Food Technology and Home Science for their dedicated efforts in organizing this successful and meaningful event.

8. **World Food Day 2025:**

- ✓ **Celebration at Sharda University, Greater Noida on 14 October 2025**

The Association of Food Scientists and Technologists (India), Delhi Chapter, proudly celebrated World Food Day with great enthusiasm through a vibrant event held at Sharda University, Greater Noida. The celebration featured distinguished resource persons, insightful talks, engaging competitions, and informative exhibitions.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Head, Division of Food Science & Post-Harvest Technology, ICAR-IARI, delivered an inspiring talk on the World Food Day theme, “Hand in Hand for Better Food and a Better Future.” He highlighted innovative and sustainable approaches in post-harvest management and food systems, emphasizing the need for collective efforts to build a resilient food future.

The success of the celebration was largely due to the unwavering commitment of Dr. Ranjana Pande, who worked tirelessly to ensure a seamless experience. Dr. Sujata Pandit Sharma, Dr. Savita Rani, Dr. Anamika Mehta, Dr. Jyoti, and Dr. Parinder Kaur efficiently coordinated the exhibitions and managed the arrangements at every stage.

✓ **Celebration at Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences for Women, University of Delhi**

The AFST(I) Delhi Chapter, in association with Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences for Women, University of Delhi, organized a World Food Day programme on 16 October 2025.

The Guest of Honour, Mr. Ashutosh Tatwawadi, Joint Director, NABL, Quality Council of India, emphasized the importance of collaboration between the food processing and quality testing sectors. Dr. Dinkar B. Kamble, President, AFST(I) Delhi Chapter, highlighted the association's nationwide initiatives and announced details of the 31st ICFoST to be held at Thanjavur, including information on registration, sponsorship, and technical sessions. He also inspired the students by underscoring the growing importance of food technology in the modern world.

Prizes and awards were sponsored by Cornitos – Greendot Health Foods Pvt. Ltd. The event was graced by Mr. Amit Soni (Founder, RDz 1983 Bakery, Jodhpur), Ms. Prabha Kumathe, Dr. Desham Kodandaram Reddy, and Dr. Twinkle Sachchan as special guests. Winners of various competitions were felicitated with certificates and prizes sponsored by Cornitos.

The success of the programme was attributed to the dedicated efforts of Prof. Ranjana Singh, Dr. Para Dholakia, Dr. Prabhjot Kaur Sabharwal, Dr. Vandana Kumari, Saumya Chaturvedi, Sakshi, and other faculty members of Shaheed Rajguru College of Applied Sciences for Women for organizing such a well-coordinated and inspiring event.

✓ **Celebration at Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi**

The AFST(I) Delhi Chapter, in association with Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi, organized a World Food Day programme on 7 November 2025.

Dr. Dinesh Kumar Sharma (IARI) delivered a session on “Environmental Effects of Crops and Their Relation to Sustainability,” and Dr. Sulaxana Singh presented a session on “Green Polymers: Novel Prospects Toward a Sustainable Future.”

The event was graced by Mr. Amit Soni, Founder, RDz 1983 Bakery, Jodhpur. Dr. Dinkar B. Kamble, President, AFST(I), shared details of the various activities being conducted by AFST(I) across the country. Students, faculty members from the University of Delhi, and members of the AFST(I) Delhi Chapter actively participated in the World Food Day celebration.

The event was supported by Suman Project Consultants Pvt. Ltd., which sponsored the awards and prizes.

Dr. Aparna Agarwal, Dr. H. Memthoi Devi, Dr. Bindu Tathata, and Dr. Desham Kodandaram Reddy, along with the FT Professional Chapter, Lady Irwin College, played a major role in organizing this wonderful event.

The General Body Meeting & Executive Committee (EC) of the AFSTI Delhi Chapter held meetings this year to plan the annual calendar and roadmap of activities for the chapter.

## **AFST(I) Guntur Chapter**

The AFST(I) Guntur Chapter actively contributed to academic engagement, industry interaction, regulatory awareness, and student development through a series of impactful programs conducted across 2025. The chapter collaborated with universities, national institutions, industry bodies, and FSSAI-affiliated training centres to strengthen professional learning in the food sector.

One of the major highlights was the successful celebration of **World Food Day 2025** on 11th October at VFSTR University, themed “*Hand in Hand for Better Foods and Better Future.*” The event, coordinated by Dr. S. Irshaan,

featured industry addresses by Shri N. V. Krishna Prasad (Tenali Double Horse Group) and Shri Venkata Vikas Vepuri (Cocomunzz), along with technical events, student-led entrepreneurial activities, and cultural programs. The initiative promoted awareness of sustainable food systems, innovation, and leadership among undergraduate food technology students. As part of national-level academic outreach, the chapter contributed to key institutions across India. Dr. S. Irshaan was invited as **Resource Person** at *Sri Durga Malleswara Siddhartha Mahila Kalasala (SDMSMK), Vijayawada*, where he delivered a seminar on **“Sustainable Food Systems.”** The event also included the launch of the student-authored book *“Food: Myths vs Facts,”* strengthening scientific literacy and public awareness in food science.

Furthering national collaborations, Dr. Irshaan delivered an **Expert Talk** during **National Nutrition Month 2025** at *Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV), Haryana*, on **“Deficiency to Sustainability: Startup Innovations in India’s Nutrition Landscape.”** The session engaged M.Sc. and Ph.D. scholars and emphasized the role of innovation-driven startups in addressing India’s evolving nutrition challenges. The chapter also played a major role in the **UGC-sponsored National Workshop on Quality Control in the Food Industry** at *Acharya Nagarjuna University (ANU)* on 25th March 2025. Dr. Irshaan conducted an expert session on **Quality Issues in the Food Industry**, interacting with nearly 120 postgraduate students and industry representatives. This program strengthened capacity building in food quality assurance and regulatory awareness.

A key flagship initiative of the chapter was the organization of a **5-Day Certificate Course on “Understanding Food Regulations of India”** from 20th to 24th March 2025 at VFSTR University. Conducted in collaboration with **ITCFSAN, FSSAI**, the program provided comprehensive training on key FSSAI regulations, FoSCoS, food standards, packaging, labelling, and compliance essentials. Expert trainers, including FT Muhammad Salman Chukkan, delivered highly informative technical sessions that benefitted students and aspiring entrepreneurs.

The achievements of the AFST(I) Guntur Chapter during 2025 were made possible through the dedicated leadership and coordinated efforts of the chapter office bearers: **Mr. Syed Irshaan (President)**, **Mr. Sadhiq Hussain S K (Vice President)**, **Ms. Bammidi Madhuri (Secretary)**, and **Mr. Sumit Raghao Gawai (Treasurer)**. Their collective commitment played a major role in the successful planning and execution of all chapter activities throughout the year.

### AFST(I) Haldia Chapter

- AFST(I) Haldia Chapter & Dept of FT, HIT in collaboration with Toshvin Analytical Pvt. Ltd. has organized a ‘Basic Maintenance Workshop’ on **“Shimadzu UV-VIS Spectrophotometer”** on **2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2025** where **Mr. Susovan Deyand** and **Mr. Anisur Alam** from Toshvin analysis Pvt. Ltd. gave insights on *“UV Technology, Software Functionality, Queries and Concerns, and Practical Guidance”* in collaboration with Dept. of FT & AFST(I) Haldia Chapter, HIT.
- AFST(I) Haldia Chapter & Dept of FT, HIT has organized a lecture series on **21<sup>st</sup> April, 2025**, where **Mr. Pranab Sinha Mahapatra**, Senior Manager, MCPI Pvt. Ltd. Haldia, gave insights on *“Industrial Waste Management”* in collaboration with MCPI Haldia.
- AFST(I) Haldia Chapter & Dept of FT, HIT has organized a lecture series on **28<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**, where **Dr. Nilay Kanti Pramanik**, Deputy Director, IIP, Kolkata, gave insights on *“Emerging Trends in Food Packaging”* in collaboration with Dept. of FT & AFST(I) Haldia Chapter, HIT.

- AFST(I) Haldia Chapter & Dept of FT, HIT has organized a two month hybrid mode student internship program entitled '**Advancement in Food Processing & Preservation: Opportunities and Challenges**'. This internship was a great opportunity for students to understand various food processing sectors and interact with industry professionals at large. The internship included three major Industry Visits with Ptanjali Foods, Haldia Unit, Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), Kolkata and Dabur India, Narendrapur unit, Kolkata.
- AFST(I) Haldia Chapter & Department of Food Technology, Haldia Institute of Technology, has celebrated **World Food Day 2025** on **November 11, 2025**, under sub theme — "*Hand in Hand for Better Food and a Better Future*" as per Global FAO. This year's observance was centered on the conference theme "**Global Unity for Local Action: Innovation, Inclusion and Collaboration to Build a Stronger Food System for a Sustainable Future.**" The event certainly inspired young minds to come together in fostering sustainable food practices, regulatory compliances, Export- Import opportunities, and strengthening local food systems through innovation and collective effort and global networking. Through this event, AFST(I) Haldia Chapter and the Department of Food Technology aims to reinforce the message of building a sustainable, resilient, and equitable food system through **innovation, collaboration, & inclusive participation** — truly working *hand in hand for better food and a better future*. Prof. Gourab Chatterjee and Prof. Sumita Das, served as event coordinator(s).





## AFST(I) Hyderabad Chapter

### 1. **World Food Day 2025, Shri PV Suryaprakasa Rao Memorial Lecture and 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST 2025 Curtain Raiser**

Celebration of World Food Day is an annual activity of AFST(I) HC. This year the event was organised on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October at Assembly Hall, **ICMR-National Institute Of Nutrition (NIN)**, Hyderabad Over 250 Delegates participated in the event. Shri Satyanarayana Akula, President, AFST (I), Hyderabad Chapter presided over the function and welcomed all the dignitaries and delegates to the programme. He also presented the activities of AFST (I) and significance of World Food Day Programme. Guest of Honour Dr. G. Bhanuprakash Reddy, Scientist G & Head Biochemistry, ICMR-NIN, Tarnaka, Hyderabad has addressed the gathering. Dr SVN Vijayendra, Chief Scientist and Head CSIR-CFTRI-RC, Hyderabad presented the activities of CFTRI RC Hyderabad. Dr Ram Chandra Reddy, Joint Secretary OTAI (SZ), Hyderabad presented the activities of OTAI (SZ), Hyderabad. Dr. Tanaji G Kudre, Hon. Joint Secretary, AFST(I), Mysuru, briefed on the activities of AFST(I) and about the 31<sup>th</sup> ICFoST 2025 curtain raiser which is going to be held at NIFTEM, Tanjavur (TN) during 18-20, Dec 2025. **Dr.(Mrs). C. Tara Satyavati**, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millet Research (IIMR), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad and the Chief Guest of the Event delivered the Keynote address on the theme of the World Food Day 2025. This year Life Time Achievement Award was presented to Shri. Nagender Allani, PTO, CSIR-CFTRI RC-Hyderabad. All the guests were suitably honoured by the officials of AFST(I). Inaugural session was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr Sreedhar Rachakonda, Hon. Secretary AFSTI Hyderabad Chapter.

#### **Technical Session**

**Prof. T. V. Hymavathi**, Former Professor and University Head (Food & Nutrition), PJTSAU, Hyderabad has chaired the technical section and **Dr. R B N Prasad**, Former Chief Scientist & Head OLSD division, CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad, delivered **Shri P V Suryaprakash Rao Memorial Lecture** on “Oils & Fats: Aligning Nutrition, Sustainability, and Empowerment for a Better Future”. Dr Subbarao M Gavaravarapu, Scientist F & Head NICHE, ICMR-NIN Hyderabad, delivered the popular invited lecture. All the guests were suitably honoured by the officials of AFST(I).

#### **Students session:**

Prof. Hymavathi Introduced the gathering about the Essay Writing Competition conducted to the students from various colleges. This year over 82 students participated in the competition. The Jury consisting of Dr SVN Vijayendra, Prof. Hymavathi T.V and Dr Naveen Kumar evaluated the essays and recommended four names for oral presentations. The students were given an opportunity to make oral presentations and based on the overall performance 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes (certificate and cash awards to student winners) were awarded by the Jury and AFSTI members in the name of Late Smt. Dubasi Savitri, mother of Dr. DG Rao garu who sponsored the event.

**The student winners:**

Ms Nagari Shabeen, SSSIHL, Ananthapur, Ms.Avantha Srihitha, OUCT, Hyderabad Ms. K.GAYATHRI, VCIW University Koti, Hyderabad were awarded with cash prize Rs.2000/-, Rs.1500 and Rs.1200/- respectively. High Tea and Lunch was provided to the students and delegates at ICMR-NIN. High tea was sponsored by M/s. Ushodaya Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. (Priya Foods) and Lunch was sponsored by AFSTI HQ, Mysuru.

**2. Monthly Lectures:**

As a part of AFST(I) Hyderabad Chapter activities, the following lectures were organised

1. Dr. Vakdevi Validandi, Scientist E, Food Safety Division, ICMR–National Institute of Nutrition, Tarnaka, Hyderabad. on “Food Toxicity and Safety” St. Pious X Degree & PG College for Women, Snehapuri Colony, Nacharam, Hyderabad on Saturday, 30th August 2025.

**AFST(I) Kanpur Chapter**

1. World Food Day 2024 a vibrant and insightful program aimed at raising awareness about global food issues, sustainability, and innovations in food technology was organized on 16.10.2024. The guest list included: Mr. Alokshendra Pratap Singh, Technical Officer, Quality Assurance Division, FSSAI, Government of India Mr. Abhishek Jain, Head – Business Development, JVS Foods Pvt. Ltd., Jaipur Mr. Anurag Mishra, General Manager – Quality Assurance & Food Safety, Shree Renuka Sugars Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Anurag Tripathi, General Manager, Adani Wilmar, Alwar Mr. Anupam Srivastava, Head – Quality & Production, JVS Foods Pvt. Ltd., Jaipur Dr. Ajai Prakash Gupta, Director General – Quality Assurance Division, FSSAI. Their talks revolved around emerging trends, quality assurance, supply chain innovation, and career opportunities in the food industry. Their deep insights not only reflected the realities of the modern food sector but also motivated students to explore diverse career paths in food technology.
2. An expert lecture titled “Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) in the Food Processing Industry” was organized on 7th January 2025. The session was delivered by Ms. Rishika Tyagi, an esteemed alumna (M.Tech Food Technology, Batch 2022) and Production Executive at Jubilant Food Works Pvt. Ltd.
3. An expert lecture titled ‘Crafting Careers in Dairy Industry: Trends, Technology and Industry Readiness’ on 17th January 2025 was delivered by Mr. Vilendra Choudhari, an esteemed alumnus (M.Tech Food Technology, Batch 2005) and Chief Executive Officer at Donau Carbon India Pvt. Ltd.
4. A creative and thought-provoking program was organized on the occasion of Hindi Diwas and Engineer’s Day. The event took place on Friday, 13th September, 2025. The program aimed to raise awareness among students about the importance of the Hindi language, highlighting its significance, cultural value and practical utility in professional life.

5. World Food Day 2025 on theme “Hand in Hand for better Foods and a better future was organized on 16.10.2025. It was inaugurated by Prof. Samsher Honorable vice chancellor of Harcourt Butler Technical University Kanpur. It was addressed by Mr. Shivendra Singh (Founder, Samocha) and Mr. Yash Agarwal (Director, Nutrola Industries Pvt Ltd.). A festival on awareness about healthy and nutritious food for society was organized by student.

### AFST(I) Kolhapur Chapter

Association of Food Scientists and Technologists (India) – AFST(I) Kolhapur Local Chapter and Department of Food Technology, School of Engineering and Technology, Shivaji University, Kolhapur celebrated **World Food Day 2025** on the theme “*Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future*” with great enthusiasm and active participation from AFST (I) members, students and faculty members. The event emphasized the importance of sustainable food systems, innovation, and collaborative efforts in addressing global food and nutrition challenges.

The celebration commenced with a **Green Inauguration**, symbolizing sustainability through the collective watering of a sapling in place of the traditional lamp lighting. The inauguration was graced by **Dr. S. B. Chavan**, **Dr. V. S. Patil**, and **Mrs. Vrundan Ghatge**, an eminent food industry professional. **Dr. Iranna S. Udachan**, Convener of the program, welcomed the dignitaries and provided insights into the global relevance of World Food Day, highlighting the need for technological advancements and awareness to combat issues such as food insecurity, climate change, and malnutrition.

**Guest of Honour, Mrs. Vrundan Ghatge** delivered an inspiring address on “*Sustainable Practices from Farm to Fork*.” She discussed emerging trends in food innovation and sustainability, encouraging students to become job creators and innovators. She also expressed interest in collaborative initiatives between academia and industry.

A series of student-centric competitions formed the core of the event, aiming to foster creativity, technical understanding, and communication skills among budding food technologists. The events included:

- **EDIBATE** – Debate Competition
- **BRAINY BITES** – Quiz Competition
- **FOOD FRAME** – Poster Presentation
- **INNOVEAT** – Food Product Development
- **IDEA STORM** – Idea Presentation
- **REELICIOUS** – Reel Making Competition

Participants from all over Maharashtra showcased commendable innovation, scientific knowledge, and presentation abilities. The evaluation team interacted with the participants, appreciating their practical understanding and creative approach towards sustainable food innovations.

The event concluded with a formal **Valedictory Ceremony**, presided over by **Prof. (Dr.) D. D. Patange**, who lauded the exemplary organization and meaningful participation that characterized the event. In his address, he emphasized the importance of student engagement in such national and global observances, as they cultivate scientific curiosity, professionalism, and a sense of responsibility towards sustainable development.

A formal **Vote of Thanks** was proposed, extending sincere appreciation to all dignitaries, judges, faculty coordinators, student organizers, and volunteers for their invaluable contributions to the success of the event.

The **World Food Day 2025 Celebration** at the School of Engineering and Technology, Shivaji University, stood out as a model of academic–industry collaboration and youth engagement. The event reaffirmed the AFST(I)’s enduring commitment to promoting excellence in food science and technology, fostering innovation, and advancing the collective vision of “*Better Foods for a Better Future.*”

### AFST(I) Kollam Chapter

1. AFSTI Kollam chapter in association with Dept of Food Technology, Musaliar Colleg, of Engineering, organised an invited talk on ‘The Blue Economy: Understanding Seafood Industry’ on 16th August. The resourceperson for the day was Ms Ambily, Quality Assurance Manager, Abad Fisheries Pvt Ltd, Abad Foods Division, Kochi. Fifty three students along with the faculty attended the session which gave an insight into the industrial applications of seafoods.
2. AFSTI Kollam chapter in association with St Joseph’s College for Women, Trivandrum organised a one day programs to commemorate World Space Day on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024. An invited lecture was arranged for the students and the resource person was Dr Anilakumar, Professor -Amala Hospital & Medical College, Thrissur Former Associate Director & Senior Scientist, Defence Food Research Lab, DRDO, Mysore. It was a wonderful and a fruitful session in which new information about space nutrition, its importance, various types of menu for astronauts according to their likes and dislikes, various technologies used for the packaging of food items were discussed. Paper presentation competitions and quiz competitions were organised for students as part of the program and winners were announced.
3. As part of the World Food Day celebration 2024, AFSTI Kollam Chapter in association with Musalair College of Engineering, Chirayinkeezhu organised several programs on 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Octobewr. Dr Suma Divakar, Professor, Dept of Community Science, College of Agriculture, Vellayani was the chief guest of the program as well as the speaker of the first session. Dr Renjitha Ravi was the speaker for second session on the topic ‘ Wellness in teenagers’ Principal Dr Shamna AR inaugurated Food fest on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Heads of the Departments distributed cash prizes to students who participated in various competitions held on 29th.16 stalls with various food items were presented and sold. Students of Food Technology as well as other departments participated in food fest by exhibiting various foods including savory, snacks and desserts and made it a grand success.

### AFST(I) Longowal Chapter

#### AFSTI National Food Convention 2025 at SLIET Longowal: Spotlight on Innovation and Sustainability

The two-day National Food Convention, sponsored by the Association of Food Scientists and Technologists (India), commenced this morning at the SLIET Longowal Campus, amid the presence of eminent scientists, academicians, and young researchers from across the country. The event has drawn around 100 delegates representing 27 institutes and universities, who are presenting their research findings through oral and poster sessions. The event was sponsored by AFSTI, Mysuru, SLIET Longowal and major food and chemical industries. Organized on the theme of World Food Day 2025 “Hand in Hand for Better Food and a Better Future”, the convention focuses on sustainable food systems, innovation, and research for a secure and nutrition-driven future.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Nachiketa Kotwaliwale, Director, ICAR–CIPHET, Ludhiana, inaugurated the convention and highlighted the role of technological advancements and value addition in achieving food and nutritional security. He stressed that doubling the farmers income is possible only if farmers adopt in house processing of their produce. The Guest of Honour, Dr. Rakesh Sharda, Project Coordinator, AICRP, emphasized the importance and optimum use of plastics in improving the resource efficiency and innovations in

post-harvest management. The Patron-in-Chief, Dr. Manikant Paswan, Director, SLIET, Longowal, lauded AFSTI's initiatives in connecting scientific institutions and promoting interdisciplinary collaboration in food technology.

The session began with a welcome address by the Organizing Secretary, who extended greetings to the dignitaries and participants. Prof. C. S. Riar, Head of the Department of Food Engineering and Technology, presented an overview of the department's strengths and achievements, underlining its contributions to research, teaching, and industrial outreach. Prof. D. C. Saxena, Convener and President-AFSTI Longowal Chapter, highlighted the AFST(I) Longowal chapter's activities and outlined the objectives of the convention, which serves as a platform for knowledge exchange among researchers and professionals. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Navdeep Jindal, Organizing Secretary, who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, guests, delegates, and sponsors for their support and participation. Over the next two days, the convention featured multiple technical sessions, panel discussions, and poster presentations covering major domains such as food processing technologies, sustainability, food safety, future foods and emerging innovations.

Also, the Longowal Chapter organized various activities for the students during 06-16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 on the theme of World Food Day with various prizes.

### AFST(I) Lucknow Chapter

- **WARMEST 2025 Conference (Women in Academia, Research, and Management):** Held from March 6–8, 2025, WARMEST 2025 was organized at CSIR-IITR with AFSTI-LKO Chapter as co-organizer. The conference, attended by nearly 150 participants and 40 speakers/guests, celebrated women's achievements in science, technology, and management, with a focus on health, environmental, and regulatory advancements. It provided a platform for networking, empowerment, and recognition of women-led innovations across interdisciplinary domains.
- **The Stakeholder Engagement Workshop on Food Additives' Safety & Toxicity (SEW-FAST):** Organized by the AFSTI-Lucknow Chapter, ASTRA, and the Food Future Foundation, took place on May 5, 2025. The focus was on food flavours, flavour enhancers, and fragrances (F3) to deliberate on their safety, regulation, and scientific evidence. The workshop aimed to prepare an evidence-based white paper for policy submission and to catalyze dialogue among regulators, scientists, and industry stakeholders.
- **World Food Safety Day 2025:** AFSTI-LKO Chapter jointly celebrated World Food Safety Day with CSIR-IITR on June 6, 2025. The theme "Science in Action for Food Safety" emphasized collaborative efforts to promote safe and sustainable food practices. The event featured scientific talks, interactive sessions, and participation from academia and industry, highlighting advances in food safety research and awareness.
- **SWEEP Success Workshop (Scientific Writing & Ethics in Enhancing Publication Success):** A one-day workshop, "SWEEP Success," was co-organized by AFSTI-LKO, CSIR-IITR, and ASTRA on July 28, 2025. The workshop focused on improving scientific integrity, writing ethics, and publication quality among young researchers. It also included a CEC meeting and an Editorial Workshop for the JFST editorial board, enhancing institutional collaboration and mentoring in scientific publishing.
- **World Food Day Celebration:** CSIR-IITR, in collaboration with AFSTI-LKO, AcSIR-IITR Science Club, and ASTRA, celebrated World Food Day 2025 (October 16, 2025) with the theme "Hand in Hand for Better Foods and a Better Future." Dr. Bhaskar Narayan delivered the World Food Day Oration on "5C for 3S Foods," along with student presentations on the global theme.



- **International Toxicology Convention – EARTH 2025:** AFSTI Lucknow Chapter will partner with CSIR-IITR and ASTRA in organizing the international convention “Emerging Approaches in Risk Analysis and Translational Aspects of Health and Environment (EARTH 2025)” from November 12–15, 2025. The event will highlight advances in toxicology, risk assessment, and environmental health, providing a global platform for scientific collaboration and policy dialogue.
- **Participation in ICFoST-2025 (Thanjavur):** The AFSTI-Lucknow Chapter will sponsor the student awards at the 31st Indian Convention of Food Science & Technology (ICFoST), to be held from December 18–20, 2025, at NIFTEM-Thanjavur.

## AFST(I) Mumbai Chapter

### A Year of Innovation, Empowerment, and Nutrition Leadership

The AFST Mumbai Chapter marked 2025 as a landmark year of innovation, empowerment, and scientific leadership, organizing fifteen major events that advanced food science and technology.

1. **Marathi Gaurav Din (27 February 2025):** To inspire school students were introduced to the world of food science. Prof. Shyam Sablani (Washington State University, USA) motivated students to consider career opportunities in food technology.
2. **Breakthroughs in Food Packaging (11 March 2025):** A seminar was held at the Indian Institute of Packaging, where Dr. Keshavan Niranjan (University of Reading, UK) delivered a keynote on innovations shaping sustainable and consumer-friendly packaging systems.
3. **Career Boost Saturday Launch (15 March 2025):** AFSTI Mumbai launched the Career Boost Saturday Initiative to help students understand global food security challenges, led by Dr Shalini Arya, Mr Bhushan Yengade and Mr Mahendra Ingle.
4. **Changing Foodscapes Panel Discussion (25 March 2025):** In collaboration with the College of Home Science, Nirmala Niketan, collaborated a panel discussion on “Changing Foodscapes in Hospitals, Industries, and Homes” represented by Mr. Bhushan Yengade and Ms. Fatima Kader.
5. **Innovations in the Snack Industry (5 April 2025):** A seminar at the Bombay Exhibition Centre brought together experts to discuss trends, technologies, and ingredients shaping the future of the snack sector keynoted by Dr Uday Annapure.
6. **Women Empowerment Programme (8 March 2025):** Twenty-five global women leaders were honored, including Ms Smita S Landge (Australia) and Ms Müge Öz (Turkey), celebrating their contributions to science, entrepreneurship, and civil society.
7. **Future Labs Conference (24 April 2025):** At Analytica Lab India 2025, AFSTI Mumbai hosted “Future Labs: Revolutionizing Analytical Testing with AI, Automation, and Next-Generation Tools,” led by Mr Bhushan Yengade and Mr Ritesh Mathur.
8. **Clean Label Revolution Panel (22 August 2025):** At Anuga Select India 2025, hosted a panel discussion chaired by Mr Bhushan Yengade explored the growing demand for honesty and transparency in food ingredient labeling.
9. **The Great Indian Cultivated Chicken Cook-Off (22 August 2025):** Collaborated a panel discussion on the rise of lab-grown chicken in India during a panel hosted by Biokraft Foods at DY Patil University, Navi Mumbai represented by Dr Shalini Arya and Mr Nilesh Lele.
10. **National Nutrition Week – Guru Nanak Khalsa College (10 September 2025):** AFSTI Mumbai collaborated to celebrate Poshan Maah with seminars, competitions, and expert lectures led by Chief Guest Dr. Prabodh Halde.

11. **Curtain Raiser for ICFoST & FISH Meet (11 September 2025):** At ITCFSAN Mumbai, the chapter held an inspiring gathering featuring distinguished memorial lectures and interactions with leaders in food science, led by Dr Shalini Arya.
12. **Scientific Writing & Ethics in Enhancing Publication Success (12 September 2025):** Collaborated with ITCFSAN Mumbai chaired by Dr. Bhaskar Narayan, Director of CFTRI Mysuru and Director of IIITR Lucknow.
13. **National Nutrition Week at ICT (19 September 2025):** ICT Mumbai and AFSTI Mumbai jointly held a full-day celebration with competitions, technical sessions, and discussions on nutrition and food innovation, led by Dr Roji Waghmare.
14. **AFST Mumbai Explores Ethical Trade (25 August 2025):** This event explored the future of the food industry with renowned international author Tevfik Dönmez presented insights from his book *The Trick is Honesty*.
15. **Poshan Maah with SIES (25 September 2025):** AFSTI Mumbai partnered with SIES Biochemistry – Food Technology and Nutraceuticals to raise awareness on accessible and affordable nutrition for diverse communities, represented by Mr Bhushan Yengade.
16. **Nutritional Entrepreneurship – Nirmala Niketan (26 September 2025):** In collaboration with Nirmala Niketan, AFSTI Mumbai hosted seminar, represented by Mr Nilesh Lele with insights from leaders including Mr Bhushan Yengade.
17. **World Food Day & Dr. K U Naram Award (7 November 2025):** A celebration at ICT Mumbai featuring memorial lectures, book launches, and the prestigious Dr. K U Naram Award recognizing excellence in food science, led by Dr Shalini Arya and Mr Ritesh Mathur.

Together, these seventeen events reflect a transformative year during which AFSTI Mumbai championed nutrition, innovation, transparency, and student empowerment while strengthening its role as a leader in India's food science ecosystem.

### AFST(I) Pune Chapter

1. **AFST(I) foundation day:** AFST(I) Pune chapter celebrated the Foundation Day of the AFST (I) on 6.9.2024 Chief guest of the session was Mr. Nilesh Lele, and guest speaker was Mr. Shashank Joshi. The intention of the event was to motivate the young technocrats for the sense of social responsibilities. The said event included the session on Sustainable Food Processing as a need-based requirement for the sake of stakeholder's benefit.
2. **World Food Day:** World Food Day was celebrated by MIT School of Food Technology and AFSTI Pune chapter at MIT ADT University, Pune. The Chief Guest, Mr. Vikas Dangat, Chairman of SV Group, and the Guest of Honor, Dr. Nilesh Amritkar, MD of Envirocare Lab Mumbai, highlighted the importance of improving soil conditions to enhance yield and mitigate the impact of environmental changes on crops. The event also featured a curtain raiser for the 30<sup>th</sup> ICFoST, scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> at DY Patil Center of Excellence. This year also World Food Day will be celebrated on 9.10.2025 and a curtain raiser for 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST is also featured.
3. **Webinar series:**
  - a. Bio-nanocomposites – 7.3.2025 by Mr. Mr. Bhavesh Jani
  - b. Technical session on government incentive scheme under CEFPPC- 10.3.2025 by Mrs. Dipali Chandak

- c. New Food Packaging solutions- 15.3.25 by Mr. Vivek Chougule
  - d. A food packaging structures and compliances- 9.4.2025 by Mr. Amit
  - e. Introducing new product in export market- 26.4.2025 by Mr. Ajit Bedekar
  - f. Role of - APEDA in Export Promotion of Processed Food Products. - 10.5.2025 by Shri. Prashant Waghmare
4. **World food safety day:** On the occasion of World Food Safety Day, the MIT School of Food Technology and AFSTI Pune Chapter organized a Food Safety Awareness Program. This program was presented online, with participants including college students, industry members, and AFSTI members. It was held on June 7, 2025, with Dr. Smita Lele as the chief guest, and Mr. Tarang Koppal Vice president TUV India as the Guest of Honor.

**The entire events were not only informative but also interactive, providing a mesmerizing experience for all attendees, including enthusiastic students and industry/academia representatives**

### **AFST(I) Raichur Chapter**

The AFST(I) Raichur chapter in association with College of Agricultural Engineering, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur organized a **National conference on “Future Foods: A transformation of the way in the sustainability of food production, processing and value addition”** on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2025. The inaugural session featured **Dr. V. Palanimutthu, Director of NIFTEM**, as the Chief Guest and delivered **Late Shri. B. Raghuramaiah Memorial Lecture on “Specialty Food Ingredients”**. The valedictory session was graced by **Dr. Ashok Dalawai, Chairman of the Karnataka Agricultural Price Commission and the Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru**. In his address he emphasized the importance of sustainable food production systems, integration of innovations in food processing, and the need to strengthen policies and institutions to support food entrepreneurship and value addition

**The Engineer’s Day was celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2025** at College of Agricultural Engineering, UAS, Raichur. The programme was jointly organised by AFST(I) Raichur chapter, ISAE Raichur chapter, IEI Raichur chapter and College of Agricultural Engineering, UAS Raichur.

**The World Food Day – 2025 was celebrated on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2025** by AFST(I) Raichur Chapter, in association with College of Agricultural Engineering, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur. The theme for the celebration was “Hand in hand for better foods and a better future”. The programme was anchored by II Year students. The Head of Dept. and President AFST(I), Raichur chapter Dr. Sharanagouda Hiregoudar, delivered the welcome address, acknowledging the presence of the chief guest, special guests, invitees, and students. The event was inaugurated by the chief guest, Dr. G. U. Huded, Joint Director, CEDOK, Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood, Raichur. Distinguished special guests included Shri Srinivasa Naik N., Managing Director, Grofresh Agro Foods, Tumkur; Shri Patil Vinay Kumar, Founder and Director, Kakud Post Harvest Pvt. Ltd., Hubli; and Mrs. Pooja and Mrs. Sudha, Proprietors of Laxmi Sai Food Products and Natures Fig Bar, Kuragod. The presidential remarks were delivered by Dr. Mallikarjuna S. Ayyangoudar, Dean (Ag. Engg.), CAE, UAS, Raichur.. Dr. P. F. Mathad, Vice President of AFST(I), Raichur Chapter, proposed the vote of thanks. To mark the occasion, various competitions such as quiz, essay writing, poster making, healthy plate challenge, and a Food Hackathon were organized. Prizes were awarded to the winners. All the officers of the University, faculty members and students witnessed the celebration of World Food Day – 2025 and made it a grand success.

## AFST(I) Rourkela Chapter

### ‘World Food Day 2025’ Celebrated at NIT Rourkela

With a vision to inspire collective action for sustainable and equitable food systems, the Department of Food Process Engineering, NIT Rourkela, in collaboration with the Association of Food Scientists and Technologists of India (AFSTI) – Rourkela Chapter and the Food Tech Society under the Student Activity Centre (SAC), observed World Food Day 2025 on October 16. The event brought together leading experts, researchers, and students to deliberate on innovative approaches to food security and sustainability. This year’s event carries a compelling theme: “Hand in Hand for Better Food and a Better Future”.

The inaugural function held at TIIR Auditorium NITR commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Rama Chandra Pradhan, who welcomed all dignitaries, keynote speakers and participants.

Gracing the occasion, the Chief Guest Prof. H. N. Mishra (Emeritus Professor and Director of the Agri Business Incubation Foundation at IIT Kharagpur) said, “On this 45th World Food Day, I am delighted to be part of the celebrations at NIT Rourkela. The Department of Food Process Engineering here is among the finest in the country, nurturing skilled food scientists and researchers who contribute significantly to the nation’s progress in this field. Today, as we discuss the global challenge of hunger, where nearly 700 million people still go to bed without food, it becomes our collective responsibility to find sustainable solutions. We must enhance productivity while protecting soil health, improve food-processing technologies, and make nutritious food accessible to all. Technological innovation and responsible resource utilisation hold the key to achieving food security. I also encourage everyone to support local farmers by consuming locally grown food and vegetables, thereby strengthening both rural livelihoods and the nation’s food ecosystem.”

Addressing the gathering, Guest of Honour Mr. Pratap Swain (Head, Global R&D, Parle Biscuits Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai) mentioned, “On the occasion of World Food Day, it is important to reflect on the need for innovation and sustainability in the food sector. With the rising cost of raw materials, maintaining consistent quality at an affordable price has become a major challenge. This calls for new solutions through research and technological advancement in food science. Collaborative efforts between industry, academia, and innovators are essential to build resilient value chains that ensure both nutritional security and economic sustainability.”

Further, Prof. Sabyasachi Mishra (Head of Department of Food Process Engineering, NITR) said, “On this World Food Day, it is vital to remember that ensuring food security is not only about increasing quality production or high-tech innovations but also about reducing wastage. Nearly 30–35% of the food produced globally is lost during harvesting, processing, storage, transportation, and distribution. Minimizing this wastage can make a tremendous difference in addressing hunger and sustainability challenges. The theme of this year, ‘Hand in hand for better food and better future’ captures the essence of collaboration. True progress will come when government agencies, farmers, industries, innovators, researchers, scientists, and consumers work together with a shared vision of creating an efficient food system with better production, better nutrition, and a better environment for a better life. Let’s build a future where no food is wasted.”

## AFST(I) Tezpur Chapter

The Department of Food Engineering and Technology, Tezpur University in association with AFSTI Tezpur Chapter successfully organized the National Conference on Emerging Technologies for Sustainable Agro-Food-Bio Systems (ET-SAF-2025) during 13–15 February 2025. As part of the conference, several key competitive events to foster research and innovation among students and young scientists were held. These included the Young Researcher Award Competition for Ph.D. holders; the 3-Minute Thesis Challenge for enrolled Ph.D. scholars; and “Nutrionova: Ideathon” for UG/PG students. The programme witnessed active

participation from diverse academic levels across India and significantly promoted scientific exchange and professional development within the food technology and engineering community.

The department in association with AFST(I) also organized a MEDP Food Processing Training on pickling and bakery, along with a one-day exposure visit for SHG members, Itanagar. This training provided hands-on experience in basic food processing techniques and aimed to build confidence and skills among local SHG women to support income generation and small-scale entrepreneurship.

AFST(I) Tezpur Chapter celebrated HAR GHAR TIRANGA campaign on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025, wherein students, research scholars and faculty and staff members actively participated.

The department organised Industry academia Interaction session in association with AFST(I) Tezpur Chapter. on 05th September 2025. The session by Mr. Debabrata D., co-founder of ProMeat gave students an excellent platform to discuss topics including opportunities and challenges in the plant-based meat sector, ideas for planning a start-up journey, and skill sets required to meet this dynamic sector.

The department in association with AFST(I) Tezpur chapter organised World Food Day for the year 2025. Various events including Ideathon, Quiz, Treasure Hunt, Industry academia interaction, Alumni Talk, wall magazine etc. were conducted. Mr Ashish K Padhi, Assistant Director, MSME Tezpur division was present as the guest of honour.

## **AFST(I) Thanjavur Chapter**

### **Association of Food Scientists and Technologists - India [AFST(I)] Announces 31<sup>st</sup> ICFoST 2025 at NIFTEM-Thanjavur**

As part of its flagship events, AFST(I) annually organizes the Indian Convention of Food Scientists and Technologists (ICFoST) and, once every five years, hosts the prestigious International Food Convention (IFCON). These conferences have grown into premier platforms for knowledge exchange, drawing participation from leading food professionals, researchers, academicians, industry leaders, and students from India and abroad.

In a significant development, Shri. Chirag Paswan, Hon'ble Minister of Food Processing Industries, Government of India, officially announced that the 31st ICFoST 2025 will be held at NIFTEM-Thanjavur in December 2025. This highly anticipated event will be centered around the theme INDULGE: "Innovation in Nutrition, Dietetics, Upcycling, and Local Foods on Gastronomic Engineering." ICFoST 2025 promises to be an intellectually stimulating and industry-relevant convention, fostering discussions on cutting-edge advancements in food science and technology. The event will serve as a dynamic platform for interdisciplinary collaborations, addressing the evolving challenges and opportunities in sustainable food innovation.

Following its legacy of excellence, AFST(I), in collaboration with NIFTEM-Thanjavur and the AFST(I) Thanjavur Chapter, will meticulously curate this year's ICFoST to facilitate a diverse array of technical sessions, keynote addresses, and interactive workshops. The announcement event was graced by the President and Secretary of AFST(I), reaffirming the association's commitment to strengthening India's food ecosystem through science, technology, and policy advocacy.

### **World Food Day Celebrations**

The Science Club of NIFTEM-T in association with AFSTI Thanjavur Chapter celebrated World Food Day 2025 on October 16, 2025, at the Golden Jubilee Hall under the theme "Hand in Hand for Better Food and a Better Future." Dr. Bijay Kumar Sahu, Regional Manager & Head, NRDC-Mo MSME, served as the Chief Guest, delivering an inspiring keynote on innovation and entrepreneurship. MR. Guru Yeshwanth Subbaiah Prabhakaran, Innovation Scientist, Chobani, USA, and NIFTEM-T alumnus, gave a special talk on redefining global nutrition.



During his speech, Dr. Sahu elaborated on the role of the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) and Ministry of MSME in supporting young innovators through intellectual property protection, technology transfer, and entrepreneurship development. He motivated students to actively engage in innovation-led research and to convert their scientific ideas into practical, market-ready solutions.

He further discussed how skill development and startup ecosystems can accelerate India's growth in the food processing sector, enabling the nation to emerge as a global leader in value-added food production. Dr. Sahu also shared inspiring examples of successful collaborations that have transformed local innovations into impactful enterprises.

The program also included World Food India glimpses, Foodathon'25 winner felicitation, and student appreciation. Prof. V. Palanimuthu, Director, NIFTEM-T, presided over the event and encouraged students to contribute toward sustainable food systems. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks and the National Anthem, marking a memorable and inspiring observance of World Food Day 2025.

## AFST(I) Thrissur Chapter

The AFST(I) Thrissur Chapter conducted impactful programmes to promote food safety awareness, student development, and scientific engagement during the reporting period. A summary of major events is presented below.

1. Food Salvatio'25 – World Food Safety Day Observance (6 – 12 June 2025) The week-long Food Salvatio'25 programme marked World Food Safety Day through awareness activities, competitions, and expert lectures. Key highlights included:
  - Eat Right public outreach campaign across Thrissur
  - Competitions in food labelling and food safety photography
  - Sensory evaluation programme (Sense Safari)
  - Inter-collegiate food safety quiz
  - School outreach on food adulteration
  - Talks by Dr. Pradeep Kumar T. (Former VC, KUFOs) and Ms. Reshma R. (FSO) The valedictory event, presided over by Mr. Rajesh C. S., Nodal Food Safety Officer, also featured formal recognition of AFST(I) Thrissur Chapter for securing the AFST(I) Best Unit Award 2023–24.
2. Ignite Your Potential – Career Development Programme (22 August 2025) A motivational programme titled “Ignite Your Potential” was conducted to support student career development. Eminent career mentor Mr. Jobin Kuriakose delivered an interactive session covering strategic career planning, CV improvement, professional communication, and psychometric self assessment. Participants gained clarity on career pathways, self-development, and professional growth.
3. Food Zone 2025 – World Food Day Celebrations (10 – 17 October 2025) The World Food Day week featured creative, academic, and public engagement initiatives, including:
  - BMI Corner health-awareness station
  - Peel Picasso and Leftover MasterChef sustainability-focused competitions
  - Flash mob and debate competition
  - Technical talks by industry experts and Food Safety Officers
  - School outreach on Safe and Nutritious Food

A key highlight was the successful conduct of the 30th edition of the All-Kerala Inter-School Food Science Quiz, continuing a long-standing tradition of inspiring young learners. The revived chapter newsletter, FoodSphere 2.0, was also officially launched on World Food Day, marking a renewed communication initiative to engage members and stakeholders.

### AFST(I) Trivandrum chapter

CSIR-NIIST has proactively initiated wide range of activities towards the revival of AFSTI Thiruvananthapuram chapter. Some of the important ones are:

1. CSIR-NIIST in association with AFSTI, organized a workshop on “Scientific Writing & Ethics in Enhancing Publications (SWEEP) Success” as part of the ICFoST 2025 Curtain raiser on 31st October 2025.
2. CSIR-NIIST in association with AFSTI, organized a Curtain raiser program for ICFoST 2025 at Hotel Hyatt Residency, Thruvananthapuram on 31st October 2025.
3. The chapter had initiated membership campaign to attract students in the colleges and institutes in the region

### AFST(I) Varanasi Chapter

#### 1. FoSTaC training in advance manufacturing

An advance FosTaC training was organized by AFSTI Varanasi chapter on 26/8/2025 in the Department of Dairy Science and Food Technology, Banaras Hindu University. This training was attended by fifty participants who came from across the country. The Training was conducted in partnership with AFSTI HQ. The training was conducted by trainer Shri Prem Chand Sharma. The training was in **advanced manufacturing** and the trainer has enlightened all the aspects of food safety and standards in this sector. The training was inaugurated by Dr. Niti Singh, Chief Medical Officer of Banaras Hindu University. She had given emphasis on healthy life and healthy food and appreciated the initiatives of FSSAI.

#### 2. Celebration of World Food Day 2025

The Department of Dairy Science and Food Technology, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in association with Association of Food Scientists and Technologists (India) AFST(I) Varanasi Chapter organized “**Food Fair 2025**” on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 on the occasion of **World Food Day** on the theme “**Hand in Hand for Better Food & Better Future**” to promote awareness about healthy, safe, and sustainable food practices. The event brought together students, faculty members, and industry professionals to celebrate innovation in food science and technology.

The programme was graced by distinguished guests — **Prof. Sanjay Kumar**, Rector, BHU, as the *Chief Guest*; **Prof. A. S. Raghubanshi**, Director, Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development, BHU, as the *Special Guest*; and **Shri Kaushlendra Sharma**, Assistant Commissioner (Food) II, Varanasi, as the *Guest of Honour* and preceded by **Prof. U.P. Singh**, Director, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University.

The Food Fair 2025 featured 40+ student-led stalls showcasing millet-based snacks and bakery items, pulse-derived foods, phalahari and traditional Indian foods, functional beverages, and dairy-based products. Innovative items such as high protein papdi, pearl millet nutritional bar, millets salad bar, gur chai, beetroot idli were also displayed, reflecting the creativity and technical skills of the students. Simultaneously, poster session was also organized related to the event theme. The initiative aimed to

encourage entrepreneurial skills, product development, and consumer awareness about healthy and sustainable eating practices. The event attracted over 250+ visitors, including students, faculty, and food enthusiasts; all of whom actively participated in product tasting, evaluation, and discussions on nutrition, value addition, and food safety. Dr. Ruchi Tripathi, Agrasen Kanya P.G. College, Varanasi with her theme participated in the event and showcased the products such as Moong dal namkeen, falhari energy food and millets laddu. The event successfully demonstrated how traditional wisdom and modern technology can come together to build a healthier and more sustainable future.

All the faculty members of the department were present during the food fair. Dr. Arvind delivered the vote of thanks and efficiently coordinated all the arrangements for the event. The event concluded with a vote of thanks expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, participants, and organizing members for making the celebration of World Food Day 2025 a meaningful and inspiring occasion. The Ph.D. Scholars Ms. Muskan, Ms. Shraddha, Mr. Vishal, Mr. Kunal also contributed to the grand success of the food fair 2025.

## IX. *Acknowledgements*

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My earnest thanks are due to **Dr S R Ramesh**, the **Returning Officer** for taking up the responsibility of election process. I would also thank the support of M/s. Dot Angle for their support in e-voting process. I place on record this is the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the E-voting.

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My heartfelt thanks are due to all the members of AFST (I) and one and all that have extended their direct or indirect support during my tenure as the Secretary of the Association for the year 2025.

Sd/-

**Mr. Basavaraja Mundalamani**

**Honorary Secretary, AFST(I)**

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Date: 19-12-2025

**Proposed Amendments to the AFST(I) Bye-Law, if any;**

- The CEC proposed regarding the chapters bank accounts authorized signatories, if in case the Chapter Secretary or Treasurer of respective chapter vacant, the president of Chapter may be one of the authorized signatories. Hence, any of the two among Chapters' President, Secretary and Treasurer can be considered.
- The CEC discussed & deliberated in detail regarding the certificate issued by the registrar of society of Mysuru, in which the word "SCIENTISTS" is missing. Hence the same need to be incorporated in the Certificate as per the AFST(I) By-law. The procedure needs to be followed as per the proceedings.
- One of the Chapter members proposed that related to student membership period to be increased from 2 years to 3 or 4 years, depending upon the tenure of the course in existence at the universities across India. This need to be included in the Bye-law in respective clause related to chapters after discussion and approval in the AGBM. The Hon. Secretary to take note of this decision and take actions as necessary. The proposal from CEC in 2 consecutive AGBMs is required for approval of the same.
- Proposal to include the new journal "Journal of Grain Science & Technology" (JGST) Chief Editors name in the CEC board under the Permanent Invitee.



## Treasurer's Report

Dear Members,

Audited report and statement of accounts of the AFST(I) and AFST(I) Education and Publication Trust for the financial year 2024-25 and Budget for 2025-26 & 2026-27 is presented herewith for the kind perusal of the house.

Most of the chapters' have sent the audited statement of account of their respective chapters as scheduled. Out of 48 chapters we have received 38 chapters audited statement certified by their respective auditor. The consolidated statement of accounts is prepared including these 38 chapters' audited report. I request all the chapter office bearers to take initiative to send the audit report duly certified by Chartered Accountant well in time to avoid future complication from the Income Tax Department.

### CONTENTS OF AUDITORS REPORT

The report contains:

- Consolidated Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account, Receipt & Payment account and Depreciation details of AFST(I) Assets
- Schedules for the Consolidated financial statement

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2024-25:

With regard to income, we received total Membership fee of Rs. 20,01,129/-, Bank Interest Rs. 30,13,425/-. The Royalty received from M/s Springer was Rs. 61,68,432/-for the year 2024. In addition, IT Refund is under process against the demand in respect of Assessment Year 2018-19 which is in appeal.

In the expenditure part, IFI Mag printing charges was Rs.19,89,807/- & AFST(I) staff salary for 2024-25 was Rs. 22,58,227/-

### BUDGET 2025-26 & 2026-27:

Budget of Rs. 2,12,48,000/- for the year 2025-26 this includes provision of Rs.20,00,000/- for IFI Printing charges and AFST(I) Staff Salary of Rs 22,00,000/- along with donation Rs. 60,00,000/- for Diamond Jubilee Building Fund. The Budget forecast in details can be found in the annual report.

In addition, as advised in the AGBM we are projecting the budget forecast for 2026-27 also, which is around Rs. 2,15,00,000, that includes provision of Rs. 20,00,000/- for IFI Printing charges, AFST(I) Staff Salary of Rs. 23,00,000/- along with donation Rs. 60,00,000/- for Diamond Jubilee Building Fund. The Budget forecast in details can be found in the annual report.

To conclude, I take this opportunity to thank the President, AFST(I) Dr. Aashitosh A Inamdar, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Basavaraja Mundalamani and all other Hon'ble CEC members and the Finance Committee & AFST(I) Staff for helping me in carrying out my duties honestly and promptly to my satisfaction. Further, I thank on behalf of AFST(I) Headquarters, all the office bearers of respective chapters for sending the audited reports to Headquarters on time. I would like to thank Mr. Vaidyanathan N, Chartered Accountant for auditing the accounts of AFST(I) and AFST(I) Education and Publication Trust.

It was really a great opportunity for me to work as a Treasurer for this internationally recognised organization.

Place: Mysuru

Date : 19/12/2025

Sd/-

**Mrs. Sudha M L**

**Hon. Treasurer**


**Rau & Nathan**
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of,  
**ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)**

### Opinion

We have audited the Standalone financial statements of ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA) ("*The Association*") which comprises the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2025 the Statement of Income and Expenditure and the statement of Receipts and Payments, for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid standalone financial statements give the information required by the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 (The Act) in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Association as at March 31, 2025 and **Deficit** for the year ended on that date.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) specified by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. Those standards require that we comply with the ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement.

We are independent of the Association in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements under the provisions of the Act and the Rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to Note no. 6 under General Notes forming part of accounts in Schedule-11-Notes on Accounts & Accounting Policies forming part of the Financial Statements. The Association's Financial Statements includes Audited financial statements of chapters (branches), audited by other auditors. The Association comprises of 49 chapters (branches), out of which financial statements/reports of 33 chapters (branches) audited by the other auditors have been included in the consolidated financial statements. However we have not received any financial statements (audited/unaudited)/audit reports/information regarding the rest of the 16 chapters (branches). Accordingly, we are unable to comment on such accounts.





The Turnover and the Input Tax Credit (ITC) as per GST portal and the books of account is under reconciliation and is subject to recording of entries, if any, on such reconciliation. We are unable to ascertain its impact, if any, on the financial statements.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of the above matters.

### **Responsibility of Management for the Standalone Financial Statements**

The Association's Management committee is responsible for the matters stated in the applicable Law with respect to the preparation of these standalone financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance, of the Association in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the accounting Standards specified under the Act. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Association and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate implementation and maintenance of accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statement that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Management committee is also responsible for overseeing the association's financial reporting process.

### **Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.



Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

#### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

Further to the above comments, we report that:

- a) We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- b) In our opinion proper books of accounts as required have been kept by the Association so far as it appears from our examination of those books.
- c) The Balance Sheet, the Income & Expenditure Account and the Receipts & Payments Account dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.

For Rau & Nathan  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm Regn #003178S

*Narayanamoorthy Vaidyanathan*  
Narayanamoorthy Vaidyanathan  
Partner  
Membership 022573  
UDIN: 25022573BMGAOC2462



Date: 03.11.2025  
Place: Mysuru

**ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)**  
**CFTRI CAMPUS, MYSORE - 570020**

**Consolidated Balance Sheet as on March 31, 2025**

Amount in Rs.

SOURCES OF FUNDS	Sch #	HQ	Chapter
Capital Fund	1	8,11,90,265	96,48,537
Loans & Advances	2	4,47,309	60,205
Current Liabilities	3	28,57,426	75,75,621
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,44,95,000</b>	<b>1,72,84,363</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Fixed Assets (including Chapter assets Rs.7320)	4	1,62,43,375	7,320
Deposits (Assets)	5	4,55,94,428	62,60,547
Loans & Advances (Assets)	6	11,08,316	10,00,000
Current Assets	7	1,97,33,231	5,86,272
Cash & Bank Balances	8	18,15,647	94,30,227
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,44,94,997</b>	<b>1,72,84,365</b>

Disclosure of accounting policies and notes  
forming part of accounts.

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As per our report of even date attached

**For Association of Food scientists and  
Technologists (India)**

**For Rau & Nathan**

Chartered Accountants

Firm Regn. No.003178S

Sd/-

**Narayanamoorthy Vaidyanathan**

Partner

Membership # 022573

Sd/-

**President**

Sd/-

**Secretary**

Place: Mysuru

Date : 3rd November 2025

Sd/-

**Treasurer**



# ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)

CFTRI CAMPUS, MYSORE - 570020

## Schedule-1 :

### Capital Fund

Amount in Rs.

Particulars	HQ	Chapter
Opening Balance	8,42,25,891	1,36,83,591
Surplus/Deficit for the year	(30,35,626)	(40,35,054)
CAPITAL FUND B/c	8,11,90,265	96,48,537
Excess of Income over Expenditure	-	-
<b>Corpus Fund account</b>	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,11,90,265</b>	<b>96,48,537</b>

## Schedule-2 :

### Loans & Advances-liabilities

Particulars	HQ	Chapter
Earmarked Fund	-	-
Prior period expenses	4,02,309	-
AFSTI Education and Publication Trust	-	-
Deposits- Civil Construction	45,000	-
Loan from Members	-	60,205
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,47,309</b>	<b>60,205</b>

## Schedule-3 :

### Current Liabilities

Particulars	HQ	Chapter
Duties & Taxes	8,23,523	1,45,529
AFST(I) -HQ	-	73,42,716
Loan From Members	-	-
Payable to HQ - Membership Fee	-	-
Provisions	9,600	11,250
Sundry Creditors	9,53,590	14,809
Audit Fee Payable (Branch)	-	26,317
AFSTI Education & Publication Trust	10,39,280	-
PPF	26,395	-
Other current liabilities	5,038	-
Other chapter Balance	-	35,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,57,426</b>	<b>75,75,621</b>

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## Schedule-4 :

## Property, Plant &amp; Equipment

Amount in Rs.

Particulars	WDV as at 01/04/2024	Additions		Dele- tions	Total as at 31/03/2025	Depreciation		WDV As at 31/03/2025
		>180days	< 180Days			Rate	Amount	
<b><u>Tangible Assets</u></b>								
Site	1,07,41,312			-	1,07,41,312	0%	-	1,07,41,312
Civil Construction	42,41,085	3,06,225		-	45,47,309	0%	-	45,47,309
Furniture & Fixtures	4,79,101			-	4,79,101	10%	47,910	4,31,191
Wall clock	47			-	47	10%	5	42
Franking Machine	61,558			-	61,558	15%	9,234	52,324
Fire Exhauster	4,163			-	4,163	15%	624	3,538
Verceace Xerox Machine	92,500			-	92,500	15%	13,875	78,625
Refrigerator & Stabilizer	28			-	28	15%	4	23
Air Cooler/ Air Conditioner	39,074			-	39,074	15%	5,861	33,213
Bio Metric	14,338				14,338	15%	2,151	12,187
Weighing Machine	95			-	95	15%	14	81
Aqua Guard	2,594			-	2,594	15%	389	2,205
Samsung Display Board & Stand	38,684				38,684	15%	5,803	32,881
CC TV	31,747			-	31,747	15%	4,762	26,985
Phone & Hand Set	6,389			-	6,389	15%	958	5,431
Grass Cutting Machine	17,175			-	17,175	15%	2,576	14,598
Manual Lawn Mover	481			-	481	15%	72	409
LED Lights	13,090			-	13,090	15%	1,964	11,127
Induction Stove	2,876			-	2,876	15%	431	2,444
Fan	599			-	599	15%	90	510
Batteries	70,900			-	70,900	15%	10,635	60,265
Redmi Mobiles	9,850			-	9,850	15%	1,478	8,373
Strolley	1,174			-	1,174	15%	176	998
Computer	67,356			-	67,356	40%	26,942	40,414
Computer Applciations (Adobe)	54,703			-	54,703	40%	21,881	32,822
Samsung Galaxy Tab LTE	16,568			-	16,568	15%	2,485	14,083
EPSON DMP Printer	10,880			-	10,880	40%	4,352	6,528
Printer	2,646			-	2,646	40%	1,058	1,587
Panasonic Panel	62,400			-	62,400	40%	24,960	37,440
Hard Disk & Control Card	120			-	120	40%	48	72
Laptop	4,380			-	4,380	40%	1,752	2,628
5.5 KVAOnline UPS	1,200			-	1,200	40%	480	720
Wifi Modem	7			-	7	40%	3	4
USB Adapter	3			-	3	40%	1	2
Airtel Hotspot	20			-	20	40%	8	12
<b><u>Intangible Assets</u></b>	-						-	-
Website	660			-	660	40%	264	396
Tally Prime	4,881		16,200	-	21,081	40%	5,192	15,888
Signedge Android Software	14,400			-	14,400	40%	5,760	8,640
MS Office 2021 Pro Software	26,779			-	26,779	40%	10,712	16,068
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,61,35,861</b>	<b>3,06,225</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,64,17,107</b>		<b>2,14,910</b>	<b>1,62,43,375</b>

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**Schedule-5 :****Deposits (Asset)**

Amount in Rs.

Particulars	HQ	Chapter
Accrued Interest	36,78,788	-
Fixed Deposits	4,19,06,736	62,60,547
Telephone Deposit	8,904	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,55,94,428</b>	<b>62,60,547</b>

**Schedule-6 :****Loans & Advances (Asset)**

Particulars	HQ	Chapter
BR Postage-Advance	6,596	-
Event Advance	-	10,00,000
Franking Advance	1,47,383	-
AFSTI Education & Publication Trust	-	-
AFSTI HQ	-	-
Salary Advance	9,54,337	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,08,316</b>	<b>10,00,000</b>

**Schedule-7 :****Current Assets**

Particulars	HQ	Chapter
Balance With revenue Authority	8,93,000	-
Sundry Debtors	85,17,211	4,80,004
GST Ledger Balances	2,08,409	29,836
IT Refund Receivable	-	-
AFST(I) Chapters	88,70,876	-
TDS Receivable	12,43,735	(7,000)
Other Current Assets	-	83,432
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,97,33,231</b>	<b>5,86,272</b>

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## Schedule-8 :

## Cash &amp; Bank Balance

Amount in Rs.

Particulars	HQ	Chapter
<b>Cash Balances</b>	-	-
Cash	1,51,942	33,645
<b>Bank Balance</b>	-	-
<b>HQ</b>	-	-
State Bank Of India- CA- A/c No. 036903080893	14,40,630	-
State Bank Of India- SB- A/c No. 54026000862	1,94,900	-
State Bank Of India (Con)-A/c No.64118977443	-	13,56,851
Indian Overseas Bank-A/c No. 026701000006407	28,176	-
<b>Chapter</b>	-	-
State Bank of India - A/c No. 33468101220	-	-
State Bank Of India - 67336680077	-	1,61,627
State Bank Of India - 8597	-	-
State Bank Of India - 2510606	-	-
State Bank of India - A/c No. 3327673506	-	1,17,490
State Bank of India - A/c No. 4313	-	30,864
State Bank of India - A/c No. 3424	-	-
State Bank of India - A/c No.4503	-	1,86,555
State Bank of India - A/c No. 597	-	13,832
State Bank of India - A/c No. 727	-	46,26,278
State Bank of India - A/c No.1220	-	32,680
State Bank of India - A/c No. 8399	-	4,473
State Bank of India - A/c No. 5061	-	25,713
State Bank of India - A/c No. 326555	-	87,306
State Bank of India - A/c No. 8882853	-	44,451
State Bank of India - A/c No. 39883	-	1,01,391
State Bank of India - A/c No. 64070	-	1,580
Indian Overseas Bank	-	-
Central Bank of India	-	1,00,431
Punjab National Bank	-	3,16,368
Bank of Maharashtra	-	9,23,182
Bank of Maharashtra - 60392569834	-	46,207
Canara Bank	-	2,84,646
Karur Vysya Bank	-	95,735
Saraswat Co-operative Bank	-	-
Syndicate Bank	-	-
Bank of Baroda	-	2,08,254
Bank Of India	-	4,65,779
Indian Bank	-	67,378
UCO Bank	-	97,510
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,15,647</b>	<b>94,30,227</b>

**ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)****CFTRI CAMPUS, MYSORE - 570020****Consolidated Income & Expenditure account for the year ended March 31, 2025**

Amount in Rs.

INCOME	Sch #	HQ	Chapter
Direct Incomes	9	1,34,48,725	1,08,07,475
Indirect Incomes	9A	32,27,081	12,43,719
<b>Total (A)</b>		<b>1,66,75,807</b>	<b>1,20,51,195</b>
EXPENDITURE			
Expenditure incurred for the objects of the Society	10	1,94,96,522	1,60,85,435
Depreciation (includes chater assets depr Rs.814)	4	2,14,910	814
<b>Total (B)</b>		<b>1,97,11,432</b>	<b>1,60,86,248</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) (A-B)</b>		<b>(30,35,626)</b>	<b>(40,35,054)</b>

Disclosure of accounting policies and notes  
forming part of accounts.

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As per our report of even date attached

**For Association of Food scientists and  
Technologists (India)**

**For Rau & Nathan**

Chartered Accountants

Firm Regn. No.003178S

Sd/-

**Narayanamoorthy Vaidyanathan**

Partner

Membership # 022573

Sd/-

**President**

Sd/-

**Secretary**

Place: Mysuru

Date : 3rd November 2025

Sd/-

**Treasurer**



**ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)**  
**CFTRI CAMPUS, MYSORE - 570020**

**Schedule-9 :****Direct Income**

Amount in Rs.

Particulars	HQ	Chapter
Admission Fee	34,407	-
Advances	-	-
Contribution for world food day	-	4,70,000
Contribution other than HQ	-	2,20,000
Contribution from HQ-Programme assistance	-	11,40,000
Satall-Rent	15,000	-
Chapter Share - HQ	-	1,88,988
Donation	-	50,000
Advertisement	8,55,900	-
IFI Advertisement Sponsorship	-	-
Account Validation	-	5
Investments on UTI	-	-
Rent received on poster board	14,500	-
Sale of Scrap	-	-
Life-Membership Fee	12,72,966	-
IFI Subscription	69,876	-
Subscription-Chapter	-	7,300
Membership Fee	3,88,500	-
Registration fee	15,22,882	13,680
Webinar Fee	-	-
Royalty - Year 2024	61,68,432	-
Sponsor ship fee- Event	25,21,517	-
<b>ICFoST INCOME</b>	-	-
Registration fee	-	26,01,732
Sponsorship	5,84,746	57,61,186
Kit Insert	-	55,085
EXPO	-	1,27,118
Advertisement fee	-	1,72,381
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,34,48,725</b>	<b>1,08,07,475</b>

# ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)

CFTRI CAMPUS, MYSORE - 570020

## Schedule-9A :

### Indirect Income

Particulars	HQ	Chapter
Interest from Bank-FD-SBI	30,13,425	-
Interest from Bank - FD	-	4,14,368
Interest from Bank-SB	20,854	1,22,055
Interest on IT Refund	1,92,751	-
Credit Balance Appropriation	-	11,800
Other Income	51	6,95,470
Round off	-	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,27,081</b>	<b>12,43,719</b>

## Schedule-10 :

### Expenditure incurred for the objects of the Society

Amount in Rs.

Particulars	HQ	Chapter
Accounting Charges	1,10,000	22,000
Admin expenses	-	53,165
Accommodation Charges	5,76,083	1,72,239
Advisory Service	1,69,605	-
AGBM and Election Exps.	54,340	50,000
Annual Maintenance	11,500	-
Application Development Fees	-	1,000
Audit Fees	1,64,000	72,671
Awards	3,47,690	1,04,615
Bad Debts	4,477	-
Bank Charges	16,402	11,238
Building Rent	-	-
Chapter share	1,47,351	1,00,000
Contribution	11,10,000	3,000
Courier Charges	1,34,375	-
Election Charges	38,145	-
Event Expenses	8,25,242	7,16,337
Food expenses	9,25,149	20,042
Flight Charges	16,77,412	-
Filing Charges-IFI Mag	2,500	-
General & admin Expenses	-	26,430
GST Paid	73,756	-
Honorarium	3,72,000	7,77,600
Labour Charges	600	-
IFI Printing Charges	21,45,528	-
IFI Designing Charges	1,12,700	-

## ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)

CFTRI CAMPUS, MYSORE - 570020

Amount in Rs.

Particulars	HQ	Chapter
Interest on TDS	958	-
Interest On Fixed Deposit	-	-
ICFoST Accomodation Expenses	11,735	29,55,888
ICFoST Arrangement	10,65,075	20,69,824
ICFoST Cultural Programme	-	1,14,852
ICFoST Food Expenses	-	29,53,427
ICFoST IT & Web	2,86,250	-
ICFoST Momentos	3,92,240	26,611
ICFoST Meeting expenses	23,050	-
ICFoST Poster Award/ Quiz	43,000	-
ICFoST Printing & Stationary	2,80,325	10,353
ICFoST Travelling Expenses	-	14,09,115
ICFoST Registration (Delegate kit)	3,39,900	-
IT & Web Site	4,13,798	2,500
Med claim Insurance	45,326	-
Meeting Expenses	1,86,497	4,86,293
Memorial & Lecturer	20,000	-
Momento Expenses	6,96,342	2,000
Office Expenses	1,25,402	7,870
Office Maintainance	7,500	-
Postage & Courier	7,82,367	2,964
PPF Office Share	1,66,404	-
Printing & Stationery - Annual Report/IFI	-	-
Printing & Stationery	4,19,972	2,60,651
Prize Money	-	40,000
Rates & Taxes	4,82,878	1,50,471
Renewal of office licence	81,055	-
Refreshment Expenses	-	82,500
Repair & Maintenance	11,904	-
Salary	21,65,869	-
Service Charges	1,061	-
Sponsorship expenses	-	-
Seminar Expense	-	15,000
Staff Welfare	83,935	-
Staff Arrears	26,956	-
Staff Incentive	-	1,42,760
Telephone and Internet	41,058	-
Travelling & Conveyance	15,51,461	2,95,950
Wages	1,40,349	-
World Food Day Expenses	5,85,000	29,26,070
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,94,96,522</b>	<b>1,60,85,435</b>

## ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)

CFTRI CAMPUS, MYSORE - 570020

## Consolidated Receipts &amp; Payments account for the year ended 31st March 2025

Amount in Rs.

Receipts	HQ	Chapter
<b>Opening Balance</b>		
<b><u>Cash-in-Hand</u></b>		
Cash	1,10,387	20,466
Petty cash	-	-
<b><u>Cash-at-Bank</u></b>	-	-
<b><u>Head Office</u></b>	-	-
Indian Overseas Bank A/c No. 006407	2,36,374	-
State Bank Of India (Con)-A/c No.64118977443	33,30,123	-
State Bank Of India- CA- A/c No. 036903080893	19,48,508	-
State Bank Of India- SB- A/c No. 54026000862	8,02,190	-
<b><u>Other - Chapters</u></b>	-	-
Bank Of Baroda	-	89,023
Bank Of India	-	-
Central Bank of India	-	-
Punjab National Bank	-	1,06,620
Dena Bank - A/c No. 321001582	-	-
Bank of Maharashtra -	-	34,521
Saraswat Co-op Bank - A/c No. 10262	-	-
Indian Overseas Bank	-	-
Karur Vyasa Bank Ltd	-	2,25,185
Bank of India	-	3,80,602
Syndicate Bank - A/c No. 0000126	-	-
UCO Bank	-	1,04,398
Canara Bank	-	482
State Bank of India - A/c No. 339883	-	12,251
State Bank of India - A/c No. 3424	-	-
State Bank of India - A/c No. 1220	-	11,659
State Bank of India - A/c No. 4503	-	97,905
State Bank of India - A/c No. 84123	-	-
State Bank of India - A/c No. 8597	-	10,258
State Bank of India - A/c No. 38402510606	-	1,13,116
State Bank of India - A/c No. 33468101220	-	-
State Bank of India - A/c No. 326555	-	83,883

## ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)

CFTRI CAMPUS, MYSORE - 570020

Amount in Rs.

Receipts	HQ	Chapter
State Bank of India - A/c No. 727	-	61,37,091
State Bank of India - A/c No. 5061	-	47,139
State Bank of India - A/c No. 399	-	2,997
State Bank of India - A/c No. 80077	-	51,258
State Bank of India - A/c No. 64070	-	1,539
Indian Bank	-	1,29,572
State Bank of India - A/c No. 3327673506	-	-
Fixed deposits	1,30,53,083	-
UTI Investment	-	-
<b><u>Admission &amp; Membership Fees</u></b>	-	-
Subscriptions	-	7,300
Registration Fees	-	87,000
<b><u>Other Receipts</u></b>	-	-
Advertisement	-	-
Bank Charges	9	12
Chapter Share	-	1,88,988
Fixed Deposits	-	25,00,000
Interest on FD a/c	2,13,388	2,69,853
Interest on SB a/c	20,854	1,18,593
Flight Charges - Refund	2,20,186	-
Income - Transfere to AFST(I) HQ Ledger	-	99,93,773
IT Interest	1,92,751	-
HQ- World Day	-	25,000
Advance from HQ	-	10,85,000
Donations for Event	-	50,000
Other income	-	7,30,134
Contribution for World Food Day	-	3,85,000
Contribution for other prog from HQ	-	6,10,000
Seed Money	-	75,000
Sundry Creditors	53,208	6,30,953
Sundry Debtors	1,20,06,667	1,24,36,753
TDS Rceivable	31,02,156	-
AFST Education Trust	10,400	-
AFSTI Chapters	17,75,572	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>3,70,75,855</b>	<b>3,68,53,322</b>



# ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)

CFTRI CAMPUS, MYSORE - 570020

## Consolidated Receipts & Payments account for the year ended 31st March 2025

Amount in Rs.

Payments	HQ	Chapter
AGBM Expenses		50,000
Accomodation Charges	9,912	-
Advertisment		-
Audit Fees		15,411
Awards		97,400
Advances		3,000
Bank Charges	3,978	11,864
Chapter Ledger	1,15,10,903	-
Deposit	95,00,000	26,00,000
Duties & Taxes	1,71,322	-
Election Expenses	23,145	-
HQ Support -Chapters Event		-
Event Expenses	62,840	6,04,602
Flight Charges	9,12,128	-
GST Ledger balance	79,984	-
Honorarium to guest speaker		4,000
ICFoST Expenditure	23,050	1,25,351
Interest On TDS	958	-
Labour Expenses	600	-
Loans & Advances(Asset)	4,11,195	35,000
Meeting Expenses	35,991	-
Miscellanious Exenses	11,000	-
Membership Fees Deposited to HQ		3,37,500
Amount Trsf. To HQ		25,56,770
Momento Expenses		1,250
Other Expenses		400
Office maintainance	82,592	-
Other Current Liabilitis	16,12,089	-
Other Advances (Franking Machine)		-
Postage & Courier	7,77,962	47
PPF Office Share	1,64,768	-
PPF Staff Share	1,66,432	-
Printing & Stationery	720	1,679
Professional Tax		-

## ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)

CFTRI CAMPUS, MYSORE - 570020

Amount in Rs.

Payments	HQ	Chapter
Provision	21,40,312	36,000
Renewal of Office Licence	81,055	-
registration-ICFoST		2,64,560
Rates & Taxes	2,500	-
Seminar expenses		92,186
Staff Arrears	26,956	-
Staff Welfare	63,161	-
Staff Incentive		1,42,760
Sundry Debtors	3,12,976	4,83,755
Sundry creditors	70,03,606	1,70,69,648
TDS	21,306	-
Telephone and Internet	4,998	-
Transferred to HQ		75,000
Travelling & Conveyance	41,770	39,000
World Food Day Expenses		27,75,888
Cash	1,51,942	30,801
Indian Overseas Bank A/c No. 006407	28,175	-
State Bank Of India (Con)-A/c No.64118977443		-
State Bank Of India- CA- A/c No. 036903080893	14,40,630	13,56,875
State Bank Of India- SB- A/c No. 54026000862	1,94,900	-
<b><u>Other - Chapters</u></b>		-
Bank Of Baroda		2,08,254
Bank Of India		2,844
Punjab National Bank		3,16,368
Central Bank of India		1,00,431
Dena Bank - A/c No. 321001582		-
Bank of Maharashtra -		9,23,182
Bank of Maharashtra - 60392569834		46,207
Karur Vyasa Bank Ltd		95,735
Saraswat Co-op Bank - A/c No. 10262		-
Bank of India		4,65,779
Syndicate Bank - A/c No. 0000126		-
UCO Bank		1,37,802
Indian Overseas Bank		-
Canara Bank		2,84,646
State Bank of India - A/c No. 67336680077		-

**ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)****CFTRI CAMPUS, MYSORE - 570020**

Amount in Rs.

<b>Payments</b>	<b>HQ</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
Indian Bank		67,378
State Bank of India - A/c No. 8399		1,05,864
State Bank of India - A/c No. 339883		-
State Bank of India - A/c No. 4503		1,86,555
State Bank of India - A/c No. 3074		32,680
State Bank of India - A/c No. 1220		-
State Bank of India - A/c No. 3424		-
State Bank of India - A/c No. 38402510606		1,17,490
State Bank of India - A/c No. 3327673506		-
State Bank of India - A/c No. 326555		87,306
State Bank of India - A/c No. 80077		1,21,335
State Bank of India - A/c No. 33468101220		-
State Bank of India - A/c No. 314313		30,864
State Bank of India - A/c No. 5061		25,713
State Bank of India - A/c No. 20727		46,26,278
State Bank of India - A/c No. 99931		13,832
State Bank of India - A/c No. 882853		44,451
State Bank of India - A/c No. 64070		1,580
UTI Investment		-
Fixed Deposits		-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>3,70,75,855</b>	<b>3,68,53,322</b>

Disclosure of accounting policies and notes  
forming part of accounts.

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As per our report of even date attached

**For Association of Food scientists and  
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**For Rau & Nathan**

Chartered Accountants

Firm Regn. No.003178S

Sd/-

**Narayanamoorthy Vaidyanathan**

Partner

Membership # 022573

Sd/-

**President**

Sd/-

**Secretary**

Place: Mysuru

Date : 3rd November 2025

Sd/-

**Treasurer**

**Association of Food Scientists & Technologist (India)****Financial Year: 2024-25****Schedule 11: NOTES ON ACCOUNTS & ACCOUNTING POLICIES****SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES ON ACCOUNTS****Accounting Policies**AS-1 Disclosure of Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern concept on accrual basis and in accordance with the Mandatory Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

AS-9 Revenue Recognition

- The Accounting Method Employed is accrual basis and these financial statements are prepared accordingly.
- Revenue is recognized when they are earned while the expenditure is recognized when they are incurred.
- All other income is accounted on accrual basis.
- Sales are recognized at the time of dispatch of goods and are Exclusive of sales tax /Vat collected wherever applicable.

AS-10 Accounting for Property, Plant & Equipment

Cost of acquisition is inclusive of duties and taxes and other incidental expenses, which are directly related to the acquisition of the assets & bringing the assets to its working condition for the intended use.

AS-13 Accounting for Investments

All the investments are long term investments. Diminution in respect of long term investments will be provided for only when there is permanent diminution in the value of such investments.

AS-26 Intangible Assets

Intangible asset held or acquired during the previous year is being amortized over its useful life.

AS-29 Current Liabilities (Provisions) Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

- Provisions for expenses are made on estimated basis.
- Contingent Liabilities are not provided for.
- There are no Contingent Assets.

**GENERAL NOTES FORMING PART OF ACCOUNTS**

1. Depreciation is provided as per the rates provided under the Income Tax Act.
2. Unsecured Loans, Sundry creditors are subject to confirmation.
3. Bank balances and fixed deposits have been reconciled with respect to bank statements and pass sheet produced.
4. Balances shown under Sundry Debtors and Sundry Creditors are subject to confirmation and reconciliation.
5. Entries in the books for certain revenue expenses are supported only by self-vouchers.
6. The Financial Statements includes Audited financial statements of chapters (branches), audited by other auditors. The Association comprises of 49 chapters (branches), out of which financial statements/reports of 33 chapters (branches) audited by the other auditors have been included in the consolidated financial statement. However no financial statements/audit reports/information regarding the rest of the 16 chapters (branches) have been received.

Disclosure of accounting policies and notes  
forming part of accounts. 11

As per our report of even date attached

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Firm Reg No 003178S  
# 3046, Gokulam Park Road,  
V.V. Mohalla, Mysuru-570002.

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Sir/Madam,

Subject: Management Representation

Ref: Audit under section 11 of Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 & under section 12A of Income Tax Act, 1961.

We hereby certify the following in connection with audit for the AY 2025-26.

1. This is to certify that we do not have any Receipts/Income from business, which is not incidental to the attainment of objectives of trust.
2. This is to certify that we have not applied the income other than for the objects of the trust.
3. This is to certify that we do not have any receipts/ income from property, and it is not applied for private religious purposes, which does not enure for the benefit of the public.
4. This is to certify that we have not applied the Receipts/ income for the benefit of particular religious community/ caste.
5. This is to certify that all the activities carried out by the trust are genuine and are carried out as per the conditions mentioned in registered trust deed.
6. This is to certify that we have complied with all applicable laws, Statutes, Rules & Regulations, Guidelines (including any statutory modifications or re-enactments thereof for the time being in force) and have no disputes pending in any Court of law.
7. This is to certify that no remuneration has been paid to the any of the Office Bearers or any members of the Management Committee.
8. The Association comprises of 48 chapters (branches), out of which 7 chapters are inactive. 2 chapters do not have any bank account so far. The audited financial statements and auditors report thereon have not been received in respect of 6 chapters. Only 33 chapters have provided the audited financial statements and the auditors' report thereon.



9. The following are the office bearers of the Institution as on date.

- i. **Dr.Aashitosh A Inamdar**: Designation: Hon.President; PAN: AASPI8636G; Mobile # 9243529530; email: ashutosh\_inamdar@yahoo.com.
- ii. **Mr.Basavaraja Ramanna Mundalamani**; Designation: Hon.Secretary; PAN: AFFPM5074C; Mobile # 9449813191; email id: bmundalamani@gmail.com.
- iii. **Mrs.Sudha M L**:: Designation: Hon.Treasurer; PAN: AGHPS5211N; ; Mobile # 9480641164; email: sudhaml70@gmail.com

Yours faithfully,

For ASSOCIATION OF FOOD SCIENTISTS & TECHNOLOGISTS (INDIA)



**Mr.Basavaraja Ramanna Mundalamani**  
Hon.Secretary

**AFST(I) EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION TRUST**  
**CFTRI CAMPUS MYSORE- 570020**  
**Balance Sheet as on March 31, 2025**

Amount in Rs.

	Particulars	Note	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
<b>I</b>	<b>Sources of Funds</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>NPO Funds</b>			
(a)	Unrestricted Funds	3	43,18,716	44,18,311
(b)	Restricted Funds		-	-
			43,18,716	44,18,311
<b>2</b>	<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
			-	-
<b>3</b>	<b>Current liabilities</b>			
(a)	Other current liabilities	4	-	34,500
			-	34,500
	<b>Total</b>		<b>43,18,716</b>	<b>44,52,811</b>
<b>II</b>	<b>Application of Funds</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>Non-current assets</b>			
(a)	Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible assets	5	44	52
(b)	Long Term Loans and Advances	6	10,39,100	5,32,538
			10,39,145	5,32,590
<b>2</b>	<b>Current assets</b>			
(a)	Receivables	7	35,050	46,445
(b)	Cash and bank balances	8	31,85,215	38,00,522
(c)	Other current assets	9	59,306	73,254
			32,79,571	39,20,221
	<b>Total</b>		<b>43,18,716</b>	<b>44,52,811</b>

Brief about the Entity 1

Summary of significant accounting policies 2

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

As per our report in Form 10BB  
of Income Tax Act,1961

**For RAU & NATHAN**  
Chartered Accountants  
Firm Regn. No.003178S

**AFST(I) EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION TRUST**

Sd/-  
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Partner  
Membership # 022573

Sd/-  
**President**

Sd/-  
**Secretary**

Place: Mysuru  
Date : 17.10.2025

Sd/-  
**Treasurer**

**AFST(I) EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION TRUST****CFTRI CAMPUS MYSORE- 570020****Income & Expenditure account for the year ended March 31, 2025**

Amount in Rs.

	Particulars	Note	31 March 2025			31 March 2024		
			Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
I	<b>Income</b>							
II	<b>Interest Income</b>	10	2,03,209		2,03,209	2,16,824		2,16,824
	<b>Other Income</b>	11	34,500		34,500	-		-
III	<b>Total Income (I+II)</b>		2,37,709		2,37,709	2,16,824		2,16,824
IV	<b>Expenses:</b>							
(a)	Depreciation and amortization expense	5	8		8	9		9
(b)	Other expenses	12	3,37,296		3,37,296	6,45,457		6,45,457
	<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>3,37,304</b>		<b>3,37,304</b>	<b>6,45,466</b>		<b>6,45,466</b>
V	<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year before exceptional and extraordinary items (III- IV)</b>		-99,595		-99,595	-4,28,642		-4,28,642
VI	Exceptional items (specify nature & provide note/delete if none)		-		-	-		-
VII	<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year before extraordinary items (V-VI)</b>		-99,595	-	-99,595	-4,28,642	-	-4,28,642
VIII	Extraordinary Items (specify nature & provide note/delete if none)					-		-
IX	<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year (VII-VIII)</b>		-99,595		-99,595	-4,28,642		-4,28,642
	<b>Appropriations Transfer to funds, e.g., Building fund</b>							
	<b>Transfer from funds</b>							
	<b>Balance transferred to General Fund</b>							

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**AFST(I) EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION TRUST**  
**CFTRI CAMPUS MYSORE- 570020**

**Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended, 31st March, 2025**

Amount in Rs.

Sr. No.	Particulars	As at 1st April 2024 (Opening Balance)	Surplus During the Year	Funds transferred/ received during the year	Funds Utilised during the year	As at 31st March 2025 (Closing Balance)
(A)	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
1	<b>Capital Fund</b>	44,18,311	-99,595	-	-	43,18,716
2	Corpus Funds	-	-	-	-	-
3	General Funds	-	-	-	-	-
4	Designated Funds	-	-	-	-	-
(B)	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
		44,18,311	-99,595	-	-	43,18,716
<b>Previous Year (PY)</b>				-	-	-
1	Capital Fund	48,46,953	-4,28,642	0	0	44,18,311

4	Other current liabilities	31.03.2025	31.03.2024
(a)	TDS payable	-	-
	i) TDS Payable U/s 194C	-	5,000
(b)	Other payables (specify nature)	-	-
	Sundry Creditors :	-	-
	Rau & Nathan- Audit Fees	-	29,500
	<b>Total Other current liabilities</b>	-	34,500

**AFST(I) EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION TRUST**  
**CFTRI CAMPUS MYSORE- 570020**

**Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended, 31st March, 2025**

Amount in Rs.

**5. Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible Assets (owned assets)**

Particulars /Assets	TANGIBLE ASSETS		
	Fax Machine	Electronic Typewriter	Total
<b>Gross Block</b>			
At 1 April 2025	33	19	
Additions	-	-	
Deductions/Adjustments	-	-	
At 1 April 2024	39	22	
Additions	-	-	
Deductions/Adjustments	-	-	
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Depreciation/Adjustments</b>			
At 1 April 2025	33	19	
Additions	-	-	
Deductions/Adjustments	5	3	
At 1 April 2024	39	22	
Additions	-	-	
Deductions/Adjustments	6	3	
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Net Block</b>			
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>

<b>5</b>	<b>Depreciation and amortization expense</b>	<b>31-03-2025</b>	<b>31-03-2024</b>
(a)	on tangible assets (Refer note 11)	8	9
	<b>Total Depreciation and amortization expense</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>

**AFST(I) EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION TRUST**  
**CFTRI CAMPUS MYSORE- 570020**

**Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended, 31st March, 2025**

Amount in Rs.

**6. Loans and advances**

			Long Term		Short Term	
			31.03.2025	31.03.2024	31.03.2025	31.03.2024
<b>A</b>	<b>(Secured)</b>					
(a)	<b>Capital advances</b>					
	Less: Provision for doubtful advances		-	-	-	-
		(a)	-	-	-	-
(b)	Loans advances to partners or relative of partners		-	-	-	-
		(b)	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total (a)+(b) (A)</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>B</b>	<b>Loans and advances</b>					
	<b>(Unsecured)</b>					
(ii)	Doubtful		-	-	-	-
	Less: Provision for doubtful advances		-	-	-	-
		(a)	-	-	-	-
(b)	Loans advances to partners or relative of partners		-	-	-	-
(c)	Other loans and advances (specify nature)		-	-	-	-
	i) AFST(I)		10,39,100	5,32,538		
		(b)	10,39,100	5,32,538	-	-
	<b>Total (a)+(b) (B)</b>		10,39,100	5,32,538	-	-
	<b>Total (A + B)</b>		10,39,100	5,32,538	-	-

**7. Receivables**

		31.03.2025	31.03.2024
(a)	Others (specify nature)	-	-
	TDS Recoverable- 2023-24	-	14,779
	TDS Recoverable- 2022-23	-	12,510
	TDS Receivable 2024-25	15,894	
	TDS Recoverable 17-18 (OB)-Appeal filed a/c	19,156	19,156
		35,050	46,445
	Less: Provision for doubtful receivables	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>35,050</b>	<b>46,445</b>



**AFST(I) EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION TRUST**  
**CFTRI CAMPUS MYSORE- 570020**

**Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended, 31st March, 2025**

Amount in Rs.

**8. Cash and Bank Balances**

			31.03.2025	31.03.2024
<b>A</b>	<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>			
	<b>Fixed Deposits</b>			
	i) FD on IOB 026704000000861		2,00,000	2,00,000
	ii ) FD on SBI			
	a)SBI FD 64057481884		64,432	64,432
	b) SBI FD 64079384137		1,50,000	1,50,000
	c) SBI FD 64079384206		1,00,000	1,00,000
	d) SBI FD 64079386112		2,00,000	2,00,000
	e) SBI FD 64079386156		2,00,000	2,00,000
	f) SBI FD 64079386247		1,00,000	1,00,000
	g) SBI FD 64081715087		30,000	30,000
	h) SBI FD 64084468351		2,00,000	2,00,000
	i) SBI FD 64215871082		7,49,205	6,94,591
	j) SBI FD 64215871106		7,49,206	6,94,591
	Cash at Bank		-	-
	i) State Bank of India 54026000919		4,34,104	3,69,135
	ii) IOB - 026701000007113		8,268	7,97,773
	<b>Total</b>	<b>(I)</b>	<b>31,85,215</b>	<b>38,00,522</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Other bank balances</b>			
(a)	Bank Deposits			
(iv)	Others (specify nature)		-	-
	<b>Total other bank balances</b>	<b>(II)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Total Cash and bank balances</b>	<b>(I+II)</b>	<b>31,85,215</b>	<b>38,00,522</b>

**9. Other current assets**

		31.03.2025	31.03.2024
	(Specify nature)		
(a)	Interest accrued and due on deposits		
	i) SBI FD - Accrude Interest	59,306	73,254
		59,306	73,254
	<b>Total</b>	<b>59,306</b>	<b>73,254</b>

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Amount in Rs.

**10. Interest income**

		31.03.2025	31.03.2024
(a)			
	i) Interest on SB Accounts - SBI	10,714	39,061
	ii) Interest on Fixed Deposit -SBI	1,58,793	1,47,665
	iii) Interest on SB Accounts - IOB	21,711	21,567
	iv) Interest on Fixed Deposit -IOB	10,400	7,800
	v) Interest on IT Refund	1,591	731
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,03,209</b>	<b>2,16,824</b>

**11. Other Income**

		31.03.2025	31.03.2024
	Sundry creditors No more payable written off	29,500	-
	TDS payable written off	5,000	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>34,500</b>	

**12. Other Expenses**

		31.03.2025	31.03.2024
(a)	Other Expenses		
	i) Trust Scholarship	3,15,000	3,60,000
	ii) Audit Fees including GST @ 18%	17,700	35,400
	iii) Bank Charges	534	57
	iv) Sponsorship Expenses	-	2,50,000
	v) Meeting Expenses	4,062	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,37,296</b>	<b>6,45,457</b>

## Association of Food Scientists and Technologists (India) - Tentative Budget Estimate for 2025-26 &amp; 2026-27

Amount in Rs.

2024-25					2024-25				
RECEIPTS	Tentatives	ACTUALS	2025-26	2026-27	PAYMENTS	Tentatives	ACTUALS	2025-26	2026-27
Membership fee	5,00,000	302155	6,00,000	4,00,000	IFI Printing	20,00,000	21,45,527	20,00,000	20,00,000
Life membership	18,00,000	12,72,965	18,00,000	15,00,000	Salary & gratuity for staff	20,00,000	21,65,869	20,00,000	20,00,000
IFI Subscription	80,000	69,876	80,000	80,000	Postage, Telephone, Internet	8,00,000	9,57,800	8,00,000	8,00,000
JFST: from springer	1,00,00,000	61,68,432	1,20,00,000	1,30,00,000	Chapter share	4,50,000	1,47,351	4,50,000	4,50,000
IFI Advertisement	6,50,000	4,31,900	1,50,000	2,50,000	AGBM & Election	8,00,000	7,83,096	8,00,000	8,00,000
Interest on FDs & SB	25,00,000	30,34,279	13,00,000	13,00,000	Printing & Stationery	2,00,000	4,19,972	2,00,000	2,00,000
TDS	18,00,000	16,75,670	22,00,000	20,00,000	Awards	3,00,000	3,47,690	3,00,000	3,00,000
GST (Input)	25,00,000	12,74,744	15,00,000	19,00,000	Contribution & Advertisement	6,00,000	11,10,000	20,00,000	20,00,000
Miscellaneous	50,000	14,500	50,000	50,000	Assets	6,00,000		3,00,000	3,00,000
					Wages	6,00,000	1,40,349	4,00,000	4,00,000
					Travelling & Conveyance	20,00,000	15,51,460	20,00,000	20,00,000
					Annula Maintenance Charges	1,50,000		1,50,000	1,00,000
					Web maintenance	6,00,000	4,13,798	8,00,000	6,00,000
					Workshop/Memorial Lectures	3,00,000	20,000	3,00,000	5,00,000
					Diamond Jubilee Building Fund	45,00,000	35,00,000	60,00,000	45,00,000
					Donation to Trust	5,00,000		5,00,000	5,00,000
					World Food Day	8,00,000	5,85,000	8,00,000	10,00,000
					PPF Office share	3,00,000	1,66,404	3,00,000	3,00,000
					Building Repairs	2,50,000		Nil	Nil
					Gift and Mementos	6,00,000	6,96,342	2,50,000	5,00,000
					Audit fee	65,000	94,000	65,000	80,000
					Association Renewal Fees	50,000	81,055	50,000	50,000
					GST ( Out put )	9,00,000	15,89,200	12,00,000	12,00,000
					JFST expenses	4,00,000	3,72,000	4,00,000	4,00,000
					Uniform Expenditutre	70,000	77,500	70,000	70,000
					Staff Benevolenent Fund	3,00,000		3,00,000	3,00,000
					Legal charges (Advisory Service)	2,00,000		2,00,000	2,00,000
					Miscellaneous Expenditure	2,00,000	16,000	2,00,000	2,00,000
					Site Expenditure	Nil		Nil	Nil
					Building Constnuction	Nil		5,00,00,000	4,00,00,000
	1,98,80,000	1,39,42,366	1,96,80,000	2,04,80,000		2,05,35,000	1,73,80,412	7,28,35,000	6,17,50,000

## AFST(I) Education and Publication Trust - Tentative Budget Estimate for 2025-26 &amp; 2026-27

Amount in Rs.

2024-25					2024-25				
RECEIPTS	Tentatives	ACTUALS	2025-26	2026-27	PAYMENTS	Tentatives	ACTUALS	2025-26	2026-27
Interest on FDs & SB	2,50,000	2,03,209	2,50,000	2,50,000	Scholorship & Award	2,00,000	3,15,000	2,00,000	2,00,000
Donatin of AFST(I)	3,00,000	-	3,00,000	3,00,000	Printing / postage & Estab	1,00,000	-	1,00,000	1,00,000
					Audit Fee	15,000	17,700	15,000	15,000
					Publication	2,00,000		2,00,000	2,00,000
					Miscellaneous Expenditure				
	5,50,000	2,03,209	5,50,000	5,50,000		5,15,000	3,32,700	5,15,000	5,15,000

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