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### IEST raising Food Safety Awareness through Surveys

IEST in collaboration with Council for Promotion, Research and Trade in Traditional Food (CPRTTF) and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been conducting surveys in different Food Businesses like Restaurants, Hotels, Cafes and Dhabas etc. since July, 2018. In just a span of less than two months 219 surveys has been conducted. Out of all the surveys so far we came across some worrying data; approx. 70% food businesses were not maintaining basic norms and standards of food safety and hygiene, approx. 41% did not have any proper pest control program, also coincidentally approx. 41% did not have an FSSAI license. The most shocking of all data, approx. 96% food businesses were not aware of the mandate of having at least one Food Safety Supervisor for every 25 food handlers in their premises and out of them 50% had a Food Safety Supervisor with FoSTaC certification while the other 50% had applied for the training. The data range will be wider, more varied and the data will be more precise as there will be more surveys in the upcoming months.

IEST as a training partner of FSSAI for the Food Safety Training and Certification Program (FoSTaC) has provided training to 53 candidates from different food business units in three training sessions and 23 more candidates has registered with IEST for the next training session. IEST is also raising Food Safety Awareness among the consumers through its social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn etc. IEST believes that most food businesses will not maintain proper Food Safety Standards and hygiene until and unless there is an awareness among the consumers for their own safety and health. Hence, IEST urges the consumer to become aware of the food safety norms and standards, to inspect and enquire the food businesses and make our country a better place.

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