

Food Corporation of India's first state of art laboratory

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In news– The Minister of state for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution inaugurated **the 'Quality Control Laboratory' at Institute of Food Security (IFS), FCI, Gurugram (Haryana)** recently.

About the laboratory-

- **Food Corporation of India (FCI)** under Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) **has developed** its first state-of-art laboratory for in house testing of food grain samples.
- The laboratory has been **set up under the guidance of the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysuru** in Karnataka.
- With this laboratory, **food grains to be issued from FCI depots under various welfare schemes of the Government of India will be checked in-house for pesticide residues, Mycotoxin, Uric acid** and fortification level of vitamins to ensure the food grain safety and nutritional security of the consumers.

Institute of Food Security-

- It is an **autonomous body and civil service training institute formed by the FCI under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs**, Food and Public Distribution.
- It was started in 1971 under the name, the Central Training Institute (CTI), as the controlling training centre of FCI.
- The Institute acts as a hub of information, training and research activities related to food security in India.
- It is situated in the FCI premises at Gurugram in Haryana state.

Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru-

- It is one of the constituent laboratories under the aegis of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- It was **established on 21 October 1950 in Mysore, Karnataka.**
- **CFTRI also has its resource centers** in Hyderabad, Lucknow and Mumbai, rendering technical assistance to numerous entrepreneurs.
- **The institute develops technologies to increase** efficiency and reduce post-harvest losses, add convenience, increase export, find new sources of food products, integrate human resources in food industries, reduce costs, and modernize.

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