

AFST(I)/CEC/2024

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Dear AFST(I) Members,

Greetings from the AFST(I) CEC 2024.

At the outset let us first wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year 2024. We just completed our Joint CEC and received the handover on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Thank you to Dr N Bhaskar (President 2023), Dr Suresh D Sakhare (Secretary 2023) and the CEC of 2023. Thank you to each and every member of our AFST(I).

2024 would be 66 years of our association we have come a long way and when we are talking about sustainability in Food we need to also speak about future of our association, we have miles to go. If we have to travel far and achieve new heights, we need to walk together. We want to take members of our association to new frontiers and at the same time bring in new members. Today we have about 5000 enthusiastic members, but we need to have 50000. I invoke all members to bring in 10 new members. Let's guide the new comers in Food Science & Technology to join this wonderful organization. Let us help build their careers and help the world build on the culture of **Food Safety, Standards, Security and Sustainability**.

Yes, **FOODssss** would be the theme for AFSTI 2024. All the programs conducted by AFSTI HQ will revolve around these 4S and I would request every chapter, every member to build their chapter activities around the Theme **FOODssss**.

We personally believe in the concept of Inclusivity. And that's what we have been thought at my home Chapter: AFSTI Mumbai. Let us work to bring in all our members from North, South, East, West, Central, North East together, help each other to achieve new milestones. Let us all work outside our comfort zone to bring together Industry, Academia, Regulators and Consumers.

On behalf of CEC 2024, We the undersigned office bearers appeal to each one of you to work towards the Objectives of AFST(I). We are all ONE TEAM. We request your support to implement *Transparency*, *build Trust*, and help *Transformation* of our association towards a more inclusive and sustainable future. Let us pledge ourselves to 3D principle: *Dedication*, *Determination* and *Devotion* for creating a network which will be a win-win for all our members. Let us work towards 'I': I for Inclusive, I for India, I for International and I for Innovative Ways. We are all together in this. Let's support each other and meet the objectives of our beloved association – AFST(I).

Thank you once again to all of you. Jai Hind, Jai Bhart, Jai AFST(I).

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**President, AFST(I) HQ**

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**Hon. Secretary AFST(I) HQ**

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**Vice President, HQ**

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