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## Food Safety Laboratory In Every District | Rajasthan | 10 Mar 2022

### Why in News

- On March 9, 2022, Rajasthan's Medical and Health Minister Parsadi Lal Meena informed the Legislative Assembly that food laboratories would be set up in every district during this financial year to check adulteration.

### Key Points

- The process of setting up laboratories in all the districts except Churu and Jalore districts is under process.
  - Proposals for labs at Churu and Jalore have been sent to the Government of India under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Lab operations can be started in these two districts only after getting approval.
  - The Medical Minister informed that as per the provision of Section 29(1) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the State Level Rajasthan Food Safety Authority has been constituted vide government order dated June 22, 2020, for effective implementation of the Act.
  - It is noteworthy that in order to ensure that people get pure food items, in this budget announcement, the Chief Minister has announced the formation of Food Safety Authority in every district.
  - Food laboratories are operating in 11 districts of the state- Jaipur, Jodhpur, Alwar, Banswara, Bikaner, Udaipur, Ajmer, Kota, Bharatpur, Churu and Jalore to check adulteration. Apart from this, 9 mobile food laboratories are also operating in the state at the divisional level.
  - Approval has been issued to make provision in the budget for setting up of food laboratories in Sikar, Baran, Bhilwara, Barmer, Dholpur, Nagaur and Ganganagar districts in the cradle of the budget announcement.
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## National Safety Award (Mining) | Rajasthan | 10 Mar 2022

### Why in News

- Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited (RSMML) and its Barmer Lignite Mining Company Limited were awarded the 'National Safety Award' (Mining) on March 8, 2022.

### Key Points

- These prestigious awards were presented to the representatives of the winning mines in a program organized by the Union Minister of Labor and Employment at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Tulsi Ram Agrawal, Executive Director, Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited said that these national level awards have been given in view of the excellent safety performance of the mines during the last four years.

- RSMML has been awarded the 'National Security Award' for the year 2019 and 2020 and Barmer Lignite Mining Company Limited for the year 2017 and 2018.
- Group General Manager (Limestone) PR Prajapat, Group General Manager (Projects) Om Patel and Blasters Ashish Gilbert received these awards for the year 2019 and 2020 on behalf of RSMML at the function.
- It is noteworthy that this national level award is given annually to coal, metal and oil mines in two categories to develop health competition among the safety parameters of mines by the Union Ministry of Labor and Employment.
- Under these awards, stringent safety parameters such as zero accident rate for three consecutive years, complete safety of the workers working in the mine and regular health check-up are kept in view.

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