



India Joins 44th Codex Nutrition Session

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India participated in the **44th session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU)** in Germany, contributing significantly to global food safety and nutrition standards.

- CCNFSDU is a unit of the **Codex Alimentarius Commission(CAC)**, responsible for developing global standards for **special dietary foods such as infant formulas, dietary supplements**, and medical foods.
 - The CAC, established in 1963 by the **Food and Agriculture Organization(FAO)** and **World Health Organization(WHO)**, sets international food standards to protect consumer health and ensure fair trade practices, with input from its **189 Codex Members(including India)**.
- **India at 44th Session of CCNFSDU:** India stressed the need to update outdated **FAO/WHO probiotic guidelines from 2001 and 2002**, highlighting that the current guidelines are two decades old.
 - The country called for **harmonized regulations** to enhance global trade.
 - India suggested that the combined **Nutrient Reference Value-Requirement (NRV-R)** for children aged 6 to 36 months should be calculated by taking the mean of two age groups(6-12 months and 12-36 months), and it was accepted by the CCNFSDU.
 - NRVs-R are recommendations for nutritional intake based on current scientific data, established for target groups or populations.

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