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3 day SAARC Countries Training on 'Good Manufacturing Practices' starts

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A three day training workshop on 'Good Manufacturing Practices' in providing safe and good food has started in Islamabad today. Technical Experts from SAARC member states are participating in the workshop.

Federal Minister for Science and Technology, Rana Tanveer Hussain in his inaugural speech said that all consumers have the common right to expect and demand safe and quality food. He said safe food trade gives basis for successful international trade.

The minister while highlighting common problems like lack of trained inspectors, lack of awareness, financial constraints etc said this training workshop remains a vital exercise where technical groups from member states will undergo comprehensive discussions and sharing of information. He urged the participants to produce concrete suggestions at the end of the sessions so as to be presentable at SAARC forum.

Talking on the importance of the training, the minister also noted that such workshops carry special significance for developing countries where clean drinking water and quality of food items always remain area of concern. "It is extremely important that our consumers have assurance in the safety, security and quality of products they consumes" he said.

"Good Hygiene Practices, Good Manufacturing Practices and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point" is the focal area of the workshop.

Giving Pakistan's narrative, the minister said that in Pakistan, standards were principally appreciated for their technical advantages, and now those were increasingly recognized for benefits brought in sustainable development, specially in economic, environmental and social sectors.

Earlier in her welcoming address, Ms Ismat Gull informed the design of the workshop and the module to be followed for an ultimate establishment of set of goals and recommendations.

Anil Jauhri, CEO National Accreditation Board of Certification Bodies, India also spoke on the occasion and appreciated the much needed training workshop. He expressed his satisfaction over the arrangements of the workshop.

It is worth mentioning here that there are 21 participants from SAARC member states are participating in the three day engagements. However, delegates from Nepal could not attend the training as Nepal is in state of emergency due to calamity of higher scale of earthquake.

Participants and the guests on the occasion observed one minute silence as expression of their sympathies with Nepal.

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