

400 samples collected to test milk quality in Guj; testing for cow ghee

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The FDCA Gujarat, in wake of its recent felicitation by the apex food regulator for good work, has increased surveillance of food products by collecting milk and cow ghee samples among other things.

The state FDCA (Food and Drugs Control Administration) started with a special drive in Saurashtra district to check the milk quality and 400 samples were taken for lab testing. Besides, the Gujarat FDCA has also decided to check for the quality of the cow ghee and for this samples were drawn from across the state to check adulteration.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) recently felicitated Gujarat for being one of the top performers on the State Food Safety Index (SFSI).

The SFSI measured the performance of each state in categories that included human resources and institutional arrangements, compliance, food testing - infrastructure and surveillance, training and capacity building and consumer empowerment.

Speaking on the achievement to FnB News, H G Koshia, Food and Drugs Commissioner of Gujarat, FDCA Gujarat, stated, *"We are happy for achieving the status of one of the leading states in State Food Safety Index in recognition of overall performance of the state based on various parameters of food safety during the assessment period 2018-2019."*

Koshia added, "The reason for selecting Gujarat as the top performer for SFSI is we have covered all the parameters that are required for food safety which include state level infrastructure, lab capacity, human resources and number of training programmes conducted every year."

He stated, "Our department has collected all over 15,000 samples every year in the entire Gujarat state, which has a population of 6.5 crore and we would keep doing our job in ensuring food safety."