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## 250kg of gutka products seized

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Trichy: The district food safety department seized 250 kg of gutka estimated to be worth Rs 2 lakh from an alleged gutka wholesale dealer from Nadu Gujili Street, near here, on Monday.

The seizure came during a week-long inspection carried out at the behest of P Amudha, the commissioner food safety and drug administration, in a bid to curb sales and supply of the products in the district.

On receiving intelligence input that gutka products are supplied largely from Karnataka via omni-buses to Trichy, a team of food safety officials headed by designated officer R Chitra conducted an inspection on buses from Bengaluru, at Kudamurutti Bridge.

Though around 10 omni-buses and passengers were checked from 4am to 6.30am, the officials were unable to trace any gutka products on the bus. The officials, though, continued the raids on various spots before finally finding a few banned products with a small-time retailer. He was transporting them on a two-wheeler on Nadu Bijili Street, police said.

Further search in the street unearthed gutka products in other shops. The officials questioned the shop owners and learnt that they were supplied by one Prakash Shah. The officers then rushed to his godown and found around 50kg of gutka products. Around 200kg of gutka products were found also unearthed from his house. TNN