

Rising issue of food adulteration highlighted

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Medical department, District Administration, Police department with business establishment of Wokha during the awareness programme on food safety.

WOKHA, September 16 (MExN): The Food Safety Wing of the Chief Medical Officer Office organized a one day awareness programme on food safety. The programme was chaired by Dr. Robin Lotha, Chief Medical Officer Wokha and graced by the presence of EAC Tumben P. Tsanglao, representatives from the Police Department and attended by the food business operators. EAC Wokha, Tumben advised the shopkeepers to sell only those food products which are registered under FSSAI and ISI.

Dr. Zuben Kikon, Deputy CMO spoke on the rising issue of food adulteration and its ill effects on health. He spoke on the health issues related to consumption of fish laced with formalin, food wrapped in newspaper, fruits ripened with calcium carbide and ajinomoto/monosodium glutamate (MSG).

Session on good hygiene practices of FBOs was conducted by Pelerieno Kehie, FSO Wokha. The need to operate with proper licenses and maintaining a clean workplace to ensure public health and hygiene was stressed upon during the presentation mainly for those employed in bakeries, restaurants and hotels. She also highlighted on the different offences and penalties under various Sections of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Dr. Robin CMO cautioned the FBOs against the sale of expired and banned food items in the market. He further reminded them to come and get their establishment registered. This was stated in a press release issued by Dr. Robin Lotha, Chief Medical Officer, Wokha.