

Dehradun: Ahead of Diwali, drive to check adulteration launch.

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With Diwali around the corner, the food safety department has launched a drive against food adulteration in the city. In the month-long drive, the food safety department, in-collaboration with city police, is conducting inspections of shops that sell packed, cooked, and uncooked food items to ensure that food safety guidelines are being followed and no adulteration is being done.

Besides checking for food adulteration, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is also inspecting the hygiene standards of the shops and the edible products being sold by them. As many as 65 food samples have been collected from more than 50 shops in Dehradun since October 1. The samples have been sent for lab for testing. The FSSAI has also issued notices to eight shops for flouting hygienic and quality norms.



"Those found guilty are penalised on the spot and legal action will also be taken against them," said district food safety officer Ganesh Kandwal.

He urged the consumers to check the expiry date of the packed food they buy and let the FSSAI know if they find sub-standard or adulterated food through 'food safety connect' app.

"We get regular complaints on this app. More people should use the app to join the fight against adulteration," added Kandwal.