



FDA drive against erring five star hotel in Mumbai; kitchen sealed

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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Maharashtra undertook a special drive on Friday to check the quality of food being cooked and served at a five-star hotel in Mumbai's Bandra.

The drive was undertaken to primarily check the state of hygiene and food safety standards at the restaurant.

Shashikant Kekare, Joint Commissioner (Food), FDA, Brihanmumbai, said "We have collected these samples from hotel like Amul Gouda Cheese, Idly Batter, Watermelon Juice and Fruit Puree Green Apple on Friday." He added that the samples were sent for analysis.

G M Kadam and Y S Kanse, FSO, M N Choudhari, Assistant Commissioner, Food, and Food Safety Officers were amongst the officers involved in the special drive.

The team of FDA meanwhile found lapses related to hygiene upon investigation while the kitchen was reportedly sealed.

An official told, "The FDA has found hygiene-related lapses at the five-star hotel in Bandra during a routine inspection under Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) norms. The FDA has sealed the kitchen store at the hotel and more details are awaited".