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Managing committees of religious places sensitised about hygiene

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Taking cognizance of the action taken by the food safety team in the SBS Nagar, residents demanded implementation of food safety norms in city-based religious institutions. Under the Health Ministry's BHOG (Blissful and Hygienic Offering to God) programme, the Food Safety team comprising Manoj Khosla, assistant commissioner, for food and Sangeeta Sehdev, Food Safety Officer, SBS Nagar, held a meeting with president and secretary of Darbar Lakhdata peer, Chushma, Simbel Majra village to implement the mission at the religious place.



In the meeting, the officials advised the president to maintain hygiene and take measures to cover the heads of cooks, and wear aprons while cooking. Also, the cooks were strictly told about washing their hands in order to maintain proper hygiene. Surjit Singh, president and Joga Singh, the secretary of the managing committee, ensured to implement all food safety guidelines as per Food Safety Act in public interest.

The team also held a meeting with the shopkeeper selling 'prasad' in the vicinity of the religious place. Khosla advised them to use good quality raw materials i.e edible oils, besan powder and permitted food colours in prescribed quantity for preparation of "besan Prasad" and also get themselves registered with the Food Safety Department under the act.

Sangeeta Sehdev said BHOG is a flagship initiative of the FSSAI, encouraging religious organisations to adopt and maintain food safety and hygiene while preparing lunger and prasad.