

Samples of ice-cream, milkshake to be tested

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Noida: The food safety department collected samples of milk products for checking from several stores and production units in Noida on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Officials said, this drive will be conducted across the district till June 30, keeping in mind the increased demand for ice-creams and other cold beverages during the summer months.

Samples of ice-cream, paneer, milkshakes and other goods were taken from eight locations on Tuesday and two places on Wednesday. These samples will now be sent to the regional centre in Meerut to be taken to the state laboratory in Lucknow. The results can be expected within a fortnight.

“The demand for ice creams, milkshakes and other such products increases during the summer months. There are chances of adulteration and poor quality being served due to higher demand. We test for sugar content, type and percentage of fat and the quality of stabiliser used in the product,” said Sanjay Sharma, the district food and drug safety officer.

Officials said that the fat test confirms that no harmful vegetable fat or any other kind of fat is being used in place of cream. Some of the ice-creams may also be tested for added synthetic food colouring. During the previous such drive in May, samples of fruits were collected from across the district that were all found to be in good condition. However, results of ripening chemicals that were collected from some locations have still not come.