

Street food vendors make beeline for VMC workshop



Around 450 people turned up for the VMC's workshop on hygiene standards VADODARA: The recent crackdown by the Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) on street food vendors, particularly those selling panipuri, seems to be bearing results.

Much against the expectations of VMC, around 450 persons turned up for a workshop on hygiene standards. After the crackdown last week, VMC had been on a major awareness drive this week and used to give tips of health and hygiene to panipuri vendors during checking drives in the city. Parallel to this, it had decided to hold a workshop for all street food vendors.

VMC officials said they were expecting that around 200 persons would be attending the workshop organized at Diwalipura community hall of the civic body on Saturday. But around 450 vendors turned up at the hall for the event.

The street vendors were given tips on maintaining personal hygiene, storing raw material, keeping their carts clean and the attire they could wear. Deputy commissioner (food and drugs) Dipika Chauhan had come from Gandhinagar to conduct the workshop.

VMC additional medical officer (health) Dr Mukesh Vaidya said the vendors were given details of a checklist they should maintain to ensure that they stuck to hygiene norms.