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### **VMC carries out checks on edible oil across Baroda**

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Vadodara: Food safety officers of the Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) checked the quality of edible oil used for frying food items in the city. It is for the first time that the civic body conducted such a drive to check the total polar compound (TPC) in oil used for frying.

Sources said that the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) had issued directives earlier this month for ensuring the quality of edible oil used for frying food items.

Officials were also instructed to use the total power count machine for analysing oil samples when they were hot.

According to the standards, the oil is considered to be safe if TPC is within 25. Food safety officers of the civic body checked samples in Akota, Gotri, Mujmahuda, O P Road, Gotri, Nizampura, Chhani, Karelibaug and other areas of the city. At an outlet in Akota, the TPC was found at 27 which is above the prescribed limit.

The outlet was issued a notice by the VMC officials and the oil as well as food items cooked in it were disposed of. Sources said that the drive would continue in the coming days in different parts of the city.