

Report on “Pavilion on Temple foods of India” in National Street Food Festival, JLN Stadium, New Delhi

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BHOG – Blissful Hygienic Offering to God

FSSAI in partnership with National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) with FSSAI had organised a three-day “**National Street Food Festival**” from 12th to 14th January, 2018 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Pragati Vihar, New Delhi. One of the star attractions was the pavilion on “**Temple Foods of India**” which showcased cuisines of India’s most famous temples and the variety of different *prasad* offered to pilgrims.

Following 9 famous Temples from across India participated in the festival:

| S.no. | Places of Worship | State | Prasad Type |
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| 1 | ISKON, East of Kailash | Delhi | Khichdi, Nariyal laddu, Gulab Jamun, Atta laddu, Besan laddu, Til laddu |
| 2 | Somnath Temple | Gujarat | Chikki <i>Prasad</i> , Churma <i>Prasad</i> , Magaj ladu |
| 3 | Swaminarayn Mandir Vadtaldham | Gujarat | Magash laddu |
| 4 | Shree Kastabhanjandev hanumanji, Salangpur | Gujarat | Sukhdi |

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| 5 | Meenakshi Sundareshwar Temple, Madurai | Tamil Nadu | Laddu,Thenkuzal,Puttamuthu,Alappam |
| 6 | Ramanathaswamy Temple, Rameswaram | Tamil Nadu | Adhirasam |
| 7 | Arunachaleshwar temple, Triuvannamalai | Tamil Nadu | Milaguvadai,Laddu ,Adhirasam,Thenkuzal |
| 8 | Aranganathaswamy temple, srirangam | Tamil Nadu | Adhirasam,Thenkuzal |
| 9 | Dhandayuthapani swamy temple, Palani | Tamil Nadu | Panchamritham |

All these temples are associated with FSSAI under its initiative called BHOG (Blissful Hygienic Offering to God) which focuses on the hygienic preparation of *prasad* and training & capacity building of the Temple food ecosystem to ensure the same.



ISKON, Delhi had offered Khichdi to all visitors free of charge and also informed to visitors about the role of food safety in preparation of *Prasad*. ISKCON, Delhi sold *prasad* for all three days of festival.



Swaminarayn Mandir Vadaldham and Shree Kastabhanjandev Hanumanji, Salangpur, Gujarat also distributed their *prasad* to all visitors without any charge. They also shared with visitors about their method of preparation of *prasad* for around 5000 people daily in temple premises.



The five Temples from Tamil Nadu had brought different kind of *Prasad*. The *prasadam*s from Srirangam and Madurai were air lifted, *panchamirtham* was carried in train since the *panchamirtham*'s shelf life is longer than other *prasadam*. The *prasadam* were sold at the same price at which they are sold in Temples. The visitors were informed that only best quality ingredients is used for preparation of *Prasad*. All these five Temples have already implemented FSMS in their temples.