

Navratri Alert: FSDA starts drive against adulterated food items

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Meerut: To ensure that no adulterated food items are sold at shops in Meerut during the nine-day long holy period of Navratri, the Food Safety and Drugs Administration has started a drive against adulterated food items here. With at least five teams in place, an eye is being kept on kuttuatta, chaulai, milk products, cooking oil and others.

“As many as five teams with four members each have been made to check at sweet shops and grocery shops to ensure that they do not sell any adulterated items. Our special focus remains on food items sold specially for fast, including kuttuatta, singharekaatta, sabudanna, namkeen, cooking oil and others,” said ArchanaDheeran, Meerut designated officer, FSDA.

As many as 14 samples have been taken in the drive so far, which started on Tuesday. While on day one, two samples were taken, it was followed by five samples and then seven on Tuesday. The samples include kuttuatta, singharekaatta, flavored milk and others.

“We are taking samples of suspected food items and sending them to the laboratory in Lucknow so that no tampering occurs. Once the report is here, we will take action on those who are found to be selling adulterated food,” said Dheeran.