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Food safety officials inspect dairies, eateries in Ahmedgarh



Deputy Director (Dairy Department) Jaswinder Singh and food safety officer Divya Goswami give tips on food safety to dairy owners at Ahmedgarh. Tribune photo

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Continuing their pursuit under the Tandarust Punjab Mission, officials of the food safety and dairy departments conducted inspection at eateries and dairies of the town and surrounding localities.

Besides sealing samples for testing purity of food items, the officials organised meetings with owners and staff of various eateries and give tips about storage and preservation of various perishable food items.

However, no case of adulteration or recovery of synthetic milk was reported during the inspection.

Officials led by deputy director, Dairy Department, Jaswinder Singh and food safety officer Divya Goswami said eateries and dairies supplying food items were inspected for ensuring safety and purity of various food items in the town.

Though some establishments at nearby villages in Sangrur district were raided for verification of reports about manufacturing of synthetic milk and adulterated milk products, no evidence of the illegal act was found from the spots visited by the officials.

Showing satisfaction over the standard of cleanliness and hygienic environment, Jaswinder Singh and Goswami said minor discrepancies due to lack of knowledge about food safety were taken a lenient view.

“A majority of dairy owners and milkmen did not know that stainless steel was the ideal alloy for manufacturing containers and tanks for milk and milk products. We have now cautioned all dairy owners against use of plastic and chemically active metals for manufacturing milk,” said Jaswinder Singh, appreciating that some of the dairy owners had already started using stainless steel containers.

The officials said legal action against the violators of the law would be initiated if samples of food were found to contain materials hazardous for human health.