

Vigilance, food safety officials raid tea powder units

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Samples sent for lab test on suspected adulteration

Officials of the Vigilance and Enforcement (V&E) and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) conducted raids on tea powder manufacturing units in the Gollapudi Market Complex on the BRTS Road and other locations here on Tuesday. They seized the samples and sent them for laboratory following allegations of adulteration.



“Ch. Suman Kumar, who is running Suvarchala Traders, is sourcing the raw material from Guwahati, Ooty, and other places. His shop has no valid licence,” said Vigilance DSP R. Vijay Paul.

The team, comprising Regional Vigilance and Enforcement Officer V. Harshavardhan Raju, Assistant Food Controller N. Purnachander Rao, and Mr. Vijay Paul, seized about 500 kg tea powder worth about Rs. 1 lakh.

“We are verifying the licence, packing permission, and the ingredients used. It is suspected that some colour is being used in the tea powder against norms,” the authorities said.

Further action would be taken on receipt of the lab reports, said Mr. Raju.