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Don't sell adulterated food

With Valvil Ori festival, flower exhibition and tourist vizha to be celebrated atop Kolli Hills on August 1 and 2, the Tamil Nadu Food Safety and Drug Administration Department has warned shopkeepers not to sell adulterated food items during the festival.

District Designated Officer M. Kavikumar, in a press release, said that only after obtaining license from the department, food business operators would be allowed to setup temporary shops during the two-day festival.

Details

He said that packaged food items should have details of address of the manufacturer, date of manufacturing and date of expiry and also whether vegetarian or non-vegetarian food, license number, ingredients used, weight, quantity and other details printed on the packs. Also, he asked consumers to ensure that above details are given in the labels in the package.

He warned against selling food items made out of excessive use of chemicals or colours and also against using oils that were already used. People who wish to serve Annadhanam during the festival should inform the department and ensure that food is prepared in hygienic environment.

Also, only quality oil, masala items, vegetables and ingredients should be used apart from serving only protected drinking water to the people. Since plastic items were banned, people who serve Annadhanam should desist from using plastic items and should use eco-friendly plates. The release said that shops in Kolli Hills were inspected recently and products kept for sale after expiry date were seized and destroyed. Shopkeepers were warned against selling fake products and also products at exorbitant price.
