



Crack Down on Food Adulteration

Why in News?

Recently, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister issued new directives to combat [food adulteration](#) in the state.

Key Points

- **Display of Proprietors' Names:**
 - All restaurants and eateries must prominently display the names and addresses of their operators, proprietors, managers, and other key staff.
 - The move is aimed at ensuring transparency and accountability in food establishments.
- **Amendment to Food Safety Act:**
 - Amendments to the [Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006](#) will be made to enforce compliance with the new display rules.
 - A state-wide verification campaign will be conducted, involving the Food Safety and Drug Administration, Police, and Local Administration.
- **Mandatory CCTV Installation:**
 - All eateries, hotels, and dhabas must install [CCTV cameras](#) covering both dining areas and other sections of the establishment.
 - Operators are responsible for securely storing CCTV footage and providing it to law enforcement upon request.
- **Public Health and Hygiene:**
 - The directives are part of the state's response to food adulteration cases where human waste and other contaminants were found in food.
 - Strict hygiene practices will be enforced, including mandatory use of masks and gloves for all food preparation and serving staff.

FSSAI

- The **Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSAI)**, established in **2006**, serves as India's primary legislation for regulating food safety. It sets standards for food products and oversees their **manufacture, storage, distribution, sale, and import**. The Act aims to ensure the availability of safe and wholesome food for consumers.
- **Key features of the FSSAI Act, 2006 :**
 - **Unified Food Laws:** It consolidates multiple food laws into one unified system, establishing clear standards for food safety and quality.
 - **Powers to State Governments:** The Act allows **state governments** to frame rules and take measures to regulate food safety at the local level, such as conducting inspections, ensuring compliance, and initiating actions against violations.
 - **Food Safety Authority:** The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** was created under this Act to set food standards, conduct food safety audits, and promote safe food practices.
- The Act empowers both **central and state authorities** to maintain strict vigilance on food safety and take action in case of non-compliance, such as the recent directives issued by Uttar Pradesh to address food adulteration concerns.

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