

Crack Down on Food Adulteration | Uttar Pradesh | 26 Sep 2024

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 <u>Food Safety and Standards Act</u>, <u>2006</u> 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 <u>CCTV cameras</u> 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.

Semiconductor Facility in UP | Uttar Pradesh | 26 Sep 2024

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Recently, it was announced that **Uttar Pradesh** is set to have its first <u>semiconductor manufacturing unit</u>, marking a significant development in India's tech sector and positioning the state as a critical player in the country's <u>digital transformation</u>.

Key Points

India-US Semiconductor Partnership:

- The announcement follows a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** signed between India and the US to collaborate on **chip manufacturing.**
- The <u>India-US partnership</u> in semiconductor development will have a far-reaching impact on India's technological advancements.

Importance for Digital Transformation:

- Semiconductors are critical for India's digital transformation goals and will become increasingly visible in daily life.
- This development is part of a broader initiative to leverage technology for India's progress, extending its benefits to rural and interior areas.

Cybersecurity Focus:

• The semiconductor industry is also seen as crucial for strengthening <u>cybersecurity</u>, given the shift in warfare from physical attacks to the **cyber realm**.

Economic Impact:

- The establishment of this facility will contribute to <u>macroeconomic growth</u>, with India's economy being described as **resilient** and on a strong growth trajectory.
- The Indo-US bilateral ties are now mutually beneficial, contributing to India's ongoing economic development.





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