

FSSAI urges water bottlers to boost mineral content; 39 samples in Coimbatore found substandard



COIMBATORE: The Food Safety Department asked packaged drinking water manufacturers to enhance mineral content in water.

Dr T Anuradha, the Designated Officer of FSSAI in Coimbatore District, who chaired a sensitisation meeting on Friday for water bottlers and suppliers, emphasised that the Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) in drinking water should be maintained between 75 and 500 mg/L, with additional calcium and magnesium included.

However, some manufacturers and distributors requested a relaxation of these standards, arguing that maintaining a TDS level above 75 mg/L negatively affects taste, which in turn impacts sales. In response, Dr Anuradha warned that strict actions would be taken against anyone who violates these norms.

She said that while adding minerals may change the taste, it is good for health. "If someone complains about taste, you should explain the importance of TDS and mineral enhancement," she said.

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