

Amdavadi carry bag for laddoos from Tirupati

Temple trust asks city-based company for supply of 25 lakh biodegradable bags

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The famous laddoos of Tirupati will be wrapped and distributed in biodegradable carry covers manufactured in Ahmedabad. Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam Trust (TTDT) that had floated a tender for supply of bags last year, finalised the contract on February 4 with Green India Biotech which has its facility at Bavla on the outskirts of the city. The firm will supply 25 lakh carry covers to the trust.

The bag is made of biodegradable material made from agriculture waste.

"It is truly environment friendly as micro-organisms in the soil can break down 95

per cent of the material into carbon, oxygen and non-toxic biomass," said Green India promoter Dipack Sangghvi.

The 30-micron thick material does not get affected by ghee, oil or moisture. It gets decomposed in 180 days after coming in contact with soil.

Incidentally, some other temples have also shown interest in going for environment-friendly product. The famous Sai Baba temple at Shirdi has already invited proposals from manufacturers of these bags.

Tirupati Temple is one of the most visited and richest devotional place in the world. More than 50,000 devotees visit it daily and on weekends the number crosses a lakh.