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McDonald's Veg Non Veg Coverage Document



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McDonald's separate veg supply channel

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T's not just about the green and red a convincing way. stickers that distinguish a chicken process starts right in the manufacturing facilities across the country. The internagating vegetarian and tional food service chain, that enjoys a non-vegetarian prod-

larger clientele for its non-veg varieties, is ucts, right from where they are manufac- ment and utensils in its manufacturing fa- gree of respect for local culture and have

In order to address the concerns of the burger from its aloo tikki variant at any vegetarian clients, whose number is high McDonald's outlet. The segregation in states like Gujarat, the company is put-vegetarian products. ting emphasis on segre-

going that extra length to ensure that its tured to the kitchens at its outlets. The cilities as well as its kitchens across the vegetarian consumers too are catered to in company has also launched a programme country to keep the two products separate. whereby customers are taken to McDonald's kitchens to show them the way non- ald's has its presence, India remains the ald's to ensure 100% vegetarian meal for vegetarian products are separated from only one where the company does not of our customers," said Abhijit Upadhye, di-

The company has introduced equip-

fer beef and pork items.

"We have always maintained high de-ment of McDonald's India.

decided to take our customers on a kitchen tour, so they could be aware of the Among 120 countries where McDon-segregation process followed at McDonrector, supply-chain and menu manage-



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Popularity of non-veg fast food increasing in Gujarat

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Ahmedabad: Given Gujaratis' preference for vegetarian fare, McDonald's India was apprehensive about launching their Chicken Nuggets in the city. But there was a surprise in store for them.

"In fact, we were surprised to see the popularity of our non-vegetarian products in Gujarat. Chicken nuggets, which were introduced after a lot of consideration, became an instant hit across all our restaurants," said Abhijit Upadhye, director, supply-chain and menu management of McDonald's India.

When it comes to burgers and French fries, Amdavadis leave behind the rest of the state. This was revealed in the customer survey by McDonald's India. The city is closely followed by Vadodara and then Surat. The company has



Abhijit Upadhye, director, supply-chain and menu management of McDonald's India

eight outlets currently in the state.

Among new products, McDonald's will introduce its breakfast menu across its 160 restaurants in the country in mid 2010. "The breakfast is at the testing level and is being served at five restaurants in Mumbai. If everything falls in place, we will introduce it in

other outlets by mid 2010," Upadhye added. The menu includes Veggie McMuffins, Spinach McMuffins, Sausage McMuffins, vegetarian and non-vegetarian platter.

Currently, McDonald's favoured products, French fries and potato wedges, are made at McCain Foods in Mehsana, the potatoes for which are procured from Deesa and Kheda.

"Quality is not given enough emphasis in our country. A lot needs to be done in the area of refrigeration. Frozen foods often come with ice crystals, which is a clear indicator of something having gone wrong somewhere in the supply-chain. Our distributors ensure that our products reach outlets in the most hygienic form," Upadhye added.

(The writer had visited Mumbai on July 21 on an invitation by McDonald's India)



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