

Food testing on doorstep

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Get a food item tested at van for Rs 50, report on the spot

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A mobile food testing van will start service from Thursday. Residents can get their food items tested and the reports will be given on the spot. There will be a nominal fee of Rs 50 per test. The van will be conducting tests at Dairy Complex, Haibowal Panjpeer Chowk, on Thursday.

The van is funded by the Central Government and will be following the guidelines of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

Dr Andesh Kang, District Health Officer, said more and more people should benefit from this service. "On Monday, the van will be stationed at Dairy Complex, Haibowal. It will also help us in tracking the supply of adulterated food materials. Residents can also lodge their complaints regarding the adulterated food products on toll-free number 1800112100," she said.

The food safety van will be detecting fats and testing adulterants, such as urea, sucrose, starch, adulteration in milk, detection of synthetic colours along with many other tests for checking adulteration in food items. The van is fully equipped with analytical instruments, such as milk analyser, hot air oven, hot plate, multi parameter hand-held meter, digital refractometer, mixer-grinder and a digital weighing scale. — TNS