32 food samples collected
Safety mobile van making it easy to check adulteration

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A food safety mobile van, which especially came to the city to conduct quality checks on the food items being consumed by the people of the city visited the Model Town, Guru Amardas Chowk and Bhargo Camp areas on Monday. On the instructions of Civil Surgeon Dr Jaspreet Kaur Sekhon, food safety officer Divya Bhagat and her team conducted sampling.

As many as 32 food samples were checked, in which marginal adulteration was found. Informing about the action, Food Safety Officer, Divya Bhagat said the Punjab government has been regularly trying to implement the Food Safety Act strictly to ensure that people get non-adulterated food to eat.
She said while so far, the department teams were only getting samples from shops, which were then being sent to Chandigarh, and the adulteration in the samples was detected only after the report was received. But with the food safety vans, the samples are being checked on the spot. She said any resident could get samples checked by paying a meagre government fee of Rs 50, per sample.

On Monday, health teams checked 32 food samples. These included samples of besan, cheese, milk, curd, ghee, garam masala, red chilly among others. During the action, only a ‘besan’ sample was found to be of substandard quality. It was adulterated with rice four.

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