Food-testing van a hit among residents

Chandigarh, December 1: Forget the purity of water, people are more curious to know the water content in milk being supplied to them. Nearly 50 milk samples were tested in the new mobile food-testing van, which was formally inaugurated on Thursday.

Sunny, a resident of Mani Majra, who visited the Civil Hospital with a bottle full of milk, said, “People of the area are complaining about spurious milk being served to them. So, we decided to get the milk sample tested from the mobile testing lab.”

Another woman of the area was also carrying milk samples. “A majority of residents have installed reverse osmosis systems at home to tackle the problem of contaminated water but nothing was being done to check the milk adulteration. We learnt that a mobile food-testing van has been stationed at the Civil Hospital in Mani Majra and decided to get the milk sample tested,” said the woman.

Sharing details about the newly inducted testing vehicle, Sukhwinder Singh, designated officer-cum-licensing authority, food safety, said, “Last year, we had started a food-testing lab in an ambulance. The move turned out to be a hit and the FSSAI authorities emulated the similar concept and designed food-testing vehicles for the entire country. The FSSAI authorities have also appreciated us for the initiative,” said Sukhwinder Singh.

“The new vehicle is far more sophisticated. Besides milk and its products, the vehicle is equipped to test oil content in food and sugar content in fruit juices,” said Sukhwinder Singh.