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First clean street food hub on Apr 13

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The state's first clean food street near the Golden Temple is all set to be certified on April 13. A meeting of stakeholders in the project was conducted here on Wednesday. The meeting was attended by Rajbir Singh, Chairman, Food Safety and Training Organisation (FSATO), a private firm engaged by the government, Ashok Mishra, Joint Director, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Parag Srivastva, representative of pre-auditing firm, Ramita Mehta, funding partner, and Dr Lakhbir Singh Bhagowalia, District Health Officer.

Divulging the details, Bhagowalia said that the shortcomings, which had been found, would be resolved within next weeks and the first clean street food hub would be ready on April 13.



The private firm, FSATO, would train food business operators. Bhagowalia said the purpose was to ensure the availability of better quality and hygienic food to people. He said that as per the proposal, three clean street food hubs would be opened in the city.

“The other two sites will be at Lawrence Road and Ranjit Avenue. After the completion of the work at the the first site, the team will move to the second one,” he said.

Though street food is very popular among residents and tourists coming to the city, due to absence of quality monitoring, people are apprehensive about the quality of the food being served. “The department will also issue food hygiene certificates to operators who will address concerns of the customers,” said the health officer.