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Thiruvananthapuram: Two mobile food testing laboratories worth Rs 1.4 crore will be flagged off by Health Minister K.K. Shylaja at Food Safety Commissioner’s headquarters at Thycaud. Kerala will become the second in the country after Chandigarh to establish mobile laboratories. The laboratories along with two other static laboratories in the state are expected to curb adulterated food products particularly milk, edible oils, masala packets and spices.

The air-conditioned mobile laboratories were set up by the Kerala Medical Services Corporation Ltd. Two laboratory officials and a driver will be deployed in each of the vehicles. The mobile laboratories will be anchored around check posts. On official requests, they will be routed to sources where adulterants are found on
a largescale. Currently, there are only two Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) accredited laboratories in the state.