

HRAWI Organizes Seminar On Ban Of Use Of Plastic Products

The Hotel and Restaurant Association of Western India's (HRAWI) seminar on 'Ban on use of Plastic Products' was held at The Leela, Mumbai on 31st July 2018. Dr. Sangita Hasnale – Assistant Municipal Commissioner, a Nodal officer of Plastic Ban, MCGM was the key speaker at the event and the seminar was attended by many city-based hoteliers and restaurateurs. The seminar was kept interactive and Dr. Hasnale offered insights on the various options for the industry to migrate to recyclable materials. Specifically, the seminar helped hospitality players to voice out about the hit on the home delivery services without the availability of spill-proof packing materials.

The recent ban on plastic in the State of Maharashtra, while a very progressive and necessary measure, has had a disruptive effect on the restaurant business in the State. The ban disrupts not only the revenues but also impacts as much as 65 percent of consumers who avail home delivery services, especially in cities like Mumbai.

"We are thankful to Dr. Hasnale for taking out her valuable time for us and for hearing us out. On our part, we will continue to explore options to completely do away with the use of plastic products in our day-to-day operations. While most restaurants have adapted to the use of non-plastic materials for dry food, delivering liquid food continues to remain a challenge. It should be a matter of time before the industry finds the ideal alternate material to replace plastic and in the meanwhile, we will hope for the Government to give us leeway where there is no present solution," concludes Mr. Dilip Datwani, President, HRAWI.