

## **FSSAI felicitates HRAWI for Swasth Bharat Yatra cyclothon arrangements**

The Hotel and Restaurant Association of Western India (HRAWI) was felicitated by FSSAI during the closing ceremony of the Swasth Bharat Yatra in New Delhi. The Association was recognised for its contribution in arranging for refreshments and accommodation for delegates of the country's apex food regulator and volunteers who cycled through the Western region promoting the Eat Right Initiative.

FSSAI launched Swasth Bharat Yatra, the world's biggest cyclothon, to nudge people to eat right, on October 16, 2018. The Yatra covered a distance of over 20,000km, spanning several states and UTs (Union Territories) across India with over 10 lakh participants. It also led to the creation of 21,000 local Eat Right Champions, who plan to sustain this movement in the future.

The Swasth Bharat Yatra is India's first-ever such initiative where the importance of balanced food consumption and healthy eating choices has been promoted on such a massive scale.

HRAWI, and its parent body FHRAI are committed to promulgating FSSAI's message and, incorporating safe and right eating choices across the board. FHRAI congratulates FSSAI for the great initiative and thanks it for including us in the campaign. Besides FSSAI's Hygiene Rating Scheme, the day also witnessed a discussion on Repurpose Used Cooking Oil (RUCO), where used oil would be converted to bio-diesel. This suggestion was well-received from the participating stakeholders and welcomed by the industry for partnering with the FSSAI in this important venture.

Alongside, in association with FSSAI, HRAWI has been playing a pivotal role in the Western region in building the capacity of trained food handlers across FBOs. Till date, the Association has conducted 36 FoSTaC (food safety training and certification) programmes that have helped in getting about 1,300 hospitality professionals trained and certified under the programme.