

Hospitality sector welcomes green bldg movement

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The Hotel and Restaurant Association of Western India (HRAWI) has joined hands with the Confederation of Indian Industry-Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) to foster a green building movement in the hospitality industry. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the two organisations recently.

"By prioritising life, property and environmental safety, we not only fulfil our ethical obligations but also lay the foundation for sustainable growth and success. The signing of the MoU is a stepping stone in this direction," said HRAWI President Pradeep Shetty. The pact signifies HRAWI's commitment towards promoting water conservation, energy efficiency and responsible waste management within the hospitality industry, he added.

"We have 17.65 per cent of the world's population, but only four per cent of fresh water resources. If we don't conserve, preserve, reuse and recycle then we will have a major problem in the near future," said IGBC Chairman Gurmit Singh Arora.

Underlining the benefits of sustainable green building practices, HRAWI committee member Sandeep Talaulicar said, "Our hotel in Phaltan has achieved remarkable results. The monthly electricity bill has decreased from Rs9 lakh to just Rs1 lakh. Additionally, despite operating in a water-scarce region, we are proud to say that we no longer rely on borrowed water."

