

IHCL signs MoU with Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Goa

Indian Hotels Company (IHCL), India's largest hospitality company has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Goa for the country's largest hospitality skilling centre in Goa to boost employment opportunities for youth in the state. This signing ceremony was held in the presence of Honourable Chief Minister of Goa Pramod Sawant and Prasad Lolayekar, IAS, Secretary, Education and Skills Development and S S Gaonkar, Director of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship, Goa.

Puneet Chhatwal, Managing Director and CEO, IHCL said, "Continuing its pioneering leadership in Goa for over five decades, IHCL is committed to enriching Goa's hospitality landscape. The upcoming skilling centre, in line with our ESG+ framework of Paathya, will bridge the employability gap and equip a skilled workforce to support Goa's vibrant travel and tourism industry."

Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister, Goa said, "Goa is the country's leading leisure destination and has long been a hub for tourism. IHCL's initiative will open new employment opportunities for the youth, supporting Goa's vision for continued growth and advancement in the tourism sector. This MOU is reflective of our joint commitment to develop a sustainable tourism eco-system and we are pleased to be associated with IHCL, India's leading hospitality company for this initiative."

The skilling centre will offer a series of tailored training programs and workshops designed to address the evolving demands of the industry. These sessions will impart essential foundational literacy and hospitality-specific programs including front office, housekeeping, food production and food and beverage service preparing participants for careers in the industry. It will also feature industry-based internships that provide hands-on experience in corporate environments, bridging the gap between education and employment.

Under its industry leading ESG+ framework of Paathya, IHCL with 47 skilling centres, continues to invest in talent pools to support deserving youth and their families, enhancing employment opportunities and contributing to the growth of the hospitality sector.