

## **HRAWI certifies 1,051 hospitality professionals under FoSTaC programme**

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The Hotel and Restaurant Association of Western India (HRAWI), recently crossed a milestone by successfully training and certifying 1,051 hospitality professionals in the region in food safety and hygiene under the Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC) programme. Of these, 171 were certified.

The workshops, which HRAWI has continually promoted and conducted by certified FSSAI trainers in association with FSSAI for the last two years, have been designed for Indian FBOs to improve and maintain food quality and hygiene standards.

“We conducted five more FoSTaC programmes in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Pune between October 31 and November 16, 2018,” stated Gurbaxish Singh Kohli, president, HRAWI.

He added, “We are happy to announce that HRAWI’s efforts, backed by FSSAI’s support, has accomplished getting 1,051 personnel from various hotels and restaurants from across Western India trained and certified in food safety and hygiene.”

“We hope to cover as many establishments as possible from the region. We thank FSSAI for equipping us with all the required resources in executing this activity,” Kohli said.

“It is mandatory for FBOs to obtain FSSAI Supervisory Training and Certification under the FoSTaC programme. Individual establishments across the country are required to get their personnel trained by December 31, 2018,” said Kohli.

“Failing to do so will result in licenses being withdrawn and new establishments will not be issued the same. FSSAI, under the leadership of Pawan Kumar Agarwal, its chief executive officer, is making great efforts at bringing about a change in the safety and hygiene standards in the country,” he added.

“HRAWI urges its members and non-member FBOs to get their personnel trained and certified at the earliest,” said Kohli.

Another FoSTaC programme will take place at the Taj Vivanta Blue Diamond on December 6, 2018.