

## CM Held Meeting with CII

May 20, 2022

Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant held a meeting with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at Altinho [yesterday](#) discussing the CII proposal to establish Regional Indian Culinary Institute in Goa. Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant extending his support to start the Regional Indian Culinary Institute in Goa said any tourism building or any closed school building will be identified which CII can renovate and start the Institute after undertaking required formalities.

Shri. Sougata Roy Choudhury, Senior Director, Confederation of Indian Industry briefing on the proposed institution said that Regional Culinary Institute is planned in Goa by CII in partnership with Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL Education Group) of Switzerland. This will be in addition to the Vocational Education and Training (VET) Swiss Professional Diploma program being launched with IHCL (Taj Luxury Hotel properties).

The various regional cuisines in India have a rich heritage and potential as being seen in recent times. There is a need to create this "Lighthouse for Regional Indian Cuisines" which will impart training in all the cuisines specifically Goan, Maharashtrian, Bengali, North-East, Rajasthani, Hyderabad, etc. This will enable the locals to acquire the much required knowledge and equipment them for placement in India and abroad.

Further he said, This institute will enable local youths to be trained under the EHL worldwide VET programme. The youth, once trained can match world-class standards in the hospitality industry, including hotels, airlines, cruise-lines, catering and travel industry.

The meeting was attended by Social Welfare Minister Shri Subhash Phal Desai, Shri. Praveen Roy, Associate Director, EHL Advisory Services, Shri Vincent Ramos, Senior Vice President – Goa, IHCL, Shri. Atul V Jadhav, Immd. Past Chairman, CII Goa State Council and Shri Sougata Roy Choudhury, Senior Director, Confederation of Indian Industry.

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