

FDA CELEBRATES WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY

June 17, 2022

Secretary, Health, Shri. Y.V.V.J. Rajasekhar, IAS inaugurated the function to mark World Food Safety Day on the theme “Safer Food , Better Health” organized by the Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration **today** in the city.

Every year on **June 7th** World Food Safety Day is celebrated to highlight the importance of healthy eating habits. This day is observed to bring attention and to mobilize action to prevent, detect and manage food-borne risks and increase human health.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary (Health), Shri. Rajasekhar said that everyone has a role to play from farm to table to ensure the food we consume is safe and healthy. Apart from beaches, sand and its beauty Goa's main attraction is its cuisine and unique tradition, attracting tourists from across the globe, he said and urged all FBOs to undertake the hygiene rating audits.

Highlighting the achievements, Director of FDA, Smt. Jyoti Sardessai in her address informed that at the State Food Safety Index Awards, this year the State of Goa was awarded the Best Performing State in the Small States Category for the fourth consecutive year. Panaji City was awarded among the top 11 smart cities under the Smart City Challenge and North Goa District has emerged in the list of Top 75 Districts under the Eat Right District Challenge.

Secretary (Health) Shri Y.V.V.J. Rajasekhar with other dignitaries released IEC Material, presentation of report of activities on the occasion & also as part of celebration the department has organized Doodle Drawing Competition on the theme “Eat Right Goa” for class VIII to X for various schools.

Commissioner CCP Shri Agnelo A.J. Fernandes also spoke on the occasion.

Present on the occasion were Director W&CD, Smt. Deepali Naik, Shri. Richard Noronha, Officer, FDA, and other dignitaries.

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