

FSSAI to certify CSMT & Mumbai Central stations as Eat Right Stations

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Two of the busiest railway stations in Mumbai - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) and Mumbai Central - will be certified as Eat Right Stations by FSSAI shortly, as a part of its joint initiative with HUL, the Central and Western Railway (CR and WR), Indian Railways and IRCTC (Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation).

The country's apex food regulator, CR, WR and IRCTC will train employees, inspect, certify and rate the standard of food at both these stations.

The Eat Right Stations initiative is a part of the Eat Right India movement, which was launched in 2018 by the FSSAI. It focusses on improving the health and well-being of people by ensuring they eat healthy.

Narendra Pipil, joint general manager, IRCTC, said, "Currently, audit is being conducted by FSSAI to ensure all these units at all stations are fulfilling these conditions for Eat Right Stations. People working at railway stations will also be trained."

He added, "The Eat Right Stations project will be conducted in three stages. The initial stage will be a pre-audit of the food that is currently being prepared and served in base kitchens, canteens, Jan Ahaar (a subsidised canteen) and food stalls which falls under IRCTC."

"In the second stage, the FSSAI will provide training to food handlers and those preparing it in canteens and base kitchens. And the last stage will consist of a final audit of the railway station. After all three stages are complete, FSSAI will issue ratings and certification to the railway stations," Pipil said.