

## 18<sup>th</sup> HRAWI Regional Convention (Sri Lanka)

Hotel and Restaurant Association of Western India's (HRAWI) maiden Regional Convention was held outside of the country, from June 27-30, 2018 in Sri Lanka.

Themed 'Surfing The Wave of Global Tourism', the speakers focused on the convention's objective of exploring new avenues in the global culinary including emerging restaurant trends in Sri Lankan cuisine. "While the objective of the convention was to familiarize and update our fraternity with the international tourism trends and best practices, we wanted to learn and take home the ways and charms of Sri Lankan hospitality," said Dilip Datwani, President, HRAWI.

Focusing on the convention, it witnessed the presence of key policymakers, international govt. representatives, investors, and industry stalwarts. As mentioned that it would not be similar to the other standard conventions, the second day began with a city tour paired with a lunch at local restaurant followed by traditional performance and rendition of both the national anthems in the evening at Hilton Grand Ball Room. The third day was dedicated to business and networking with four different sessions on various aspects of hotel operations, food and travel bloggers, hotel interior trends and emerging restaurant trends in Sri Lankan Cuisine.















