

## Codex tweets India's youngest food safety ambassador Naik's message

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The first-ever World Food Safety Day, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2018, was celebrated recently under the theme Food Safety, everyone's business. The Codex Alimentarius Commission tweeted India's youngest food safety ambassador Ojasvini Naik's message on World Food Safety Day.

The video was shared with Dr Awilo Ochieng Pernet, former chairperson, Codex Alimentarius Commission. Currently, she works in the Ministry of Health, Government of Switzerland, and had initiated the drive with the United Nations for a World Food Safety Day.

Dr Pernet's reply to Naik's speech is as follows: "Wonderful! Congratulations to our youngest food safety ambassador! I pray that she will become a model to inspire others, both young and old, around the world! Well done!"

Her journey began with her participation at FoSTaC (Food Safety Training and Certification) programmes for mid day meals. At the age of six, Ojasvini's active participation in the Swasth Bharat Yatra, a national campaign to sensitise people about eating safe food, and her honest attempts in contributing to sharing responsibility of spreading awareness about food safety in the community amongst children and adults with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Maharashtra team, along with FSSAI earned her the recognition of youngest food safety ambassador in the country.

Besides participating in Swasth Bharat Yatra the six-year-old little ambassador has addressed the public at the Eat Right Mela at IGNCA, India Gate. She participated in the Eat Right Creativity Challenge and won two awards at this National Level competition in Digital Creatives.

Naik continues to spread the awareness at social gatherings, play theme parks and shopping malls. She said it is her responsibility to tell each and every person about food safety, eat right and cross contamination.

She appeals to children to become ambassadors by sharing the responsibility and join her in spreading awareness about food safety throughout the country.

