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UT eyes 'eat right station' rankings

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CHANDIGARH: For the first time, Chandigarh railway station will apply for "eat right station" rankings which will be conducted by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited (IRSDC) held a meeting with representatives of a private company on Wednesday. The company will train food stall owners before the application for ranking on the basis of services and hygiene is filed.

An IRSDC official said they would organise a training programme for all eatery and kiosk owners who serve food products to passengers. The eatery owners will be told how to behave with customers, how to serve food in a safe and hygienic manner and best storage practices. Besides, shopkeepers will be taught how to keep their shops safe, with no loose wires and other hazards.

As of now, a snack bar, a juice shop and five kiosks serve food at the station. Soon, a state of the art food plaza will be opened. The plaza will be designed to serve food to commuters and passengers on board trains.

An official said after IRSDC applies for FSSAI certificate, they will conduct a survey of shops, hold a test for staff and owners and monitor the hygiene and safety at kiosks to rate them. He said the Anand Vihar station, where similar practices have been adopted, got a ranking of five for food.