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## NATIONAL STREET FOOD FESTIVAL

29-31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU STADIUM

The National Street Food Festival organized by the National Association of Street Vendors of India had a Grand kick start at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. The festival has won the hearts of Delhites with its delicious street food by practicing street food vendors all across the country.

Such sumptuous is a rarity as the best street food vendors have come with their special spices and fresh vegetables and fruits. The festival also provides a chance to interact with the cooks and the way it is being cooked and spices prepared. There are vendors from 27 states with over 70 cities from Kerala to Kashmir and Assam to Gujarat.

The new edition of International Cousins is the highlight of the festival. Street food vendors from Afghanistan, Turkey, Nepal, and more serve their authentic dishes to the people and the response is overwhelming. The Turkish pizza ‘Lahmacun Mila’ was very much liked by the people at the festival. Osman Sirkeci, a Street Food Vendor from Turkey said ‘This has been a wonderful festival for me, India is like a second motherland to me and this National Street Food Festival has become an opportunity to have good relations between two countries.

Vendors also experimented with the cooking style and have embraced E-Cooking, Food Stall of Assam has been operating on Inductions and this has been very effective for the vendors. This is the very first national street food festival that has been organized where not a single kilogram of waste will be sent to the dump site. Besides this, it is also in full compliance with plastic base management rules where not even a single piece of single-use plastics will be used. All cutleries are made of natural leaves like pattal and wooden spoons and forks. All the organic waste is sent for composting and all the packaging plastics and paper is sent for 100% recycling. The event is also going to measure GHG emission reduction that will result from these activities.

The Panel discussion in the form of CHAUPAL has also been making an impact in the hearts of the audience, interactive sessions on topics like Street Food Culture: Gastronomy Tourism, Cyber Crime, Meditation, and much more have been discussed. The Cultural Performances has been a hit, Street Food Vendors also performed at the festival and entertained the audience with their extra skills.