

Goa Food and Culture Festival starts

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PANAJI: Goa Chief Minister Laxmikant Parsekar inaugurated the five-day Goa Food and Cultural Festival 2016, amidst much festivity, entertainment and extravaganza, on the outskirts of the city on Wednesday.

Thousands of tourists and Goans converged at the venue to partake in the sizzling food and culinary event and enjoyed foot-tapping numbers by local performers and a live concert by Indian Ocean.

This year, the event promises to be exciting with a lineup of around 80 stalls serving a blend of cuisines and beverages. More than two lakh visitors are expected to attend the event. Renowned Indian bands will perform during the festival and artistes will showcase the best of Goan music and folklore, said a spokesperson of GTDC, on Thursday.

Live food demos with new 3D cooking techniques, live fenny distillation, cooking competitions and scintillating cocktails, and games with loads of prizes are some of the highlights this year. A mammoth LED stage will add at-

Over two lakh people are expected to attend the event.
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traction to the décor, and sound and lights are powered by sound engineer Roger Dre-go. "The festival is a meeting point for foodies and tourists who want to experience Goan culture and savour a variety of cuisine. We have made this festival a global event during

the last four years since its revival," said Goa Tourism Minister Dilip Parulekar.

MLA and Chairman of GTDC Nilesh Cabral, Goa Director of Tourism Sanjeev C Gauns Dessai and GTDC Managing Director Nikhil Desai were present.