



## **V. M. Salgaocar Institute of International Hospitality Education signs MOU with Turismo de Portugal in presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister of Portugal António Costa**

**Goa, 11 January 2017:**

V. M. Salgaocar Institute of International Hospitality Education (VMSIHE), Manora-Raia, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with *Turismo de Portugal*. The MOU was signed by Mr. Dattaraj V. Salgaocar, Chairman of VMSIHE, and Mr. Luis Araujo, President of Turismo de Portugal, in the presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Portugal António Costa who is presently in Goa on a state visit.

Professor Irfan Mirza, Director of V. M. Salgaocar Institute of International Hospitality Education lead the efforts in forging a collaboration between the two nations.

The knowledge exchange programme between the two countries will see a collaborative effort in the fields of research, trainings, teaching-learning methods and other aspects in the near future. The MOU valid for 2 years, mutually agrees to conduct student training and teacher mentoring modules in addition to institutional support.

The MOU focuses on a shared vision, to encourage and develop the training and qualification of human resource personnel working in the field of tourism, as well as to coordinate and execute professional training for students and faculty.

**Said Professor Irfan Mirza, Director, V.M Salgaocar Institute of International Hospitality Education,** “We at VMSIHE are absolutely delighted to forge an alliance with *Turismo de Portugal*. Portugal has a vibrant tourism culture. Together we can collaborate and enhance the quality of education we offer to our students. At our institute we offer a unique curriculum, internationally trained faculty and world class infrastructure to prepare the students for the ever changing needs of the hospitality industry. Our goal is to make this institute the center of excellence for the hospitality industry in India and we believe we have come one step closer to that goal with the signing of this MOU.”