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Minutes of the 21st EC Meeting held on 20.05.2017 at 4.30 p.m. at “Hotel Swosti Grand”, Bhubaneswar



Members present :

1. Mr. J.K. Mohanty, Swosti Group, Bhubaneswar
2. Mr. U.S. Panigrahy, Hotel Mayuree, Berhampur
3. Mr. SrinibashSubudhi, Hotel Janpath, Bhubaneswar
4. Mr. Milan Ku. Sahoo, Hotel Richi, Bhubaneswar
5. Mr. ArbinChawda, Hotel GoutamVihar, Angul
6. Mr. Sujit Ku. Mohapatra, Hotel Lingaraj, Bhubaneswar
7. Maj. R.C. Maharana, Hotel Apsara, Bhubaneswar
8. Mr. Ajay Pradhan, CEO – Pramod Group, Puri
9. Mr. SarojMahapatra, Pramod Convention, Cuttack
10. Mr. Dipak S. Rathor, Hotel Ashoka, Cuttack
11. Mr. RabindraNathSahoo, Vintage Villa, Bhubaneswar
12. Mr. Bijay Ku. Sahoo, Vintage Villa, Bhubaneswar
13. Mr. SatyanandaDalabehera, Hotel Durga, Angul
14. Mr. Sameer Singh, GM – TRIDENT, Bhubaneswar
15. Mr. Vijay Sahani, TRIDENT, Bhubaneswar
16. Mr. Rajesh Kumar Dhal, Hotel Ashiana Hill View, Angul
17. Mr. Milind Gupta, Food Junction, Bhubaneswar
18. Mr. Jonathan Raul, Cooks Restaurant, Bhubaneswar
19. Mr. Raj Kishore Patra, Hotel Holiday Resort, Puri
20. Mr. SrikantSahoo, Hotel Shakti International, Puri
21. Er. B.C. Praharaj, Hotel Upasana, Bhubaneswar
22. Mr. Sakya Singh Yadav, LalQila Restaurant, Bhubaneswar

23. Mr. D. Sarangi, Tribeni Hotel, Sambalpur
24. Mr. K. Mohanan, Hotel Venus NXT, Bhubaneswar
25. Mr. PiyushBajoria, BarjorjisBhojan Express, Bhubaneswar
26. Mr. SaroshBodhanwalla, BarjorjisBanjara Hotel, Balasore
27. Mr. SnehasishChakravorty, GM – Hotel Swosti Grand, BBSR
28. Mr. Arvind Kr. Sahu, Hotel Sai International, Rayagada
29. Mr. Bikash Ch. Patnaik, Gouri Cottage, Bhubaneswar
30. Md. WashimNaiyar, The Sans, Keonjhar
31. Mr. Suresh Ch. Patnaik, Hotel Ankita, Keonjhar
32. Mr. S. Patnaik, Labanya Hotel, Keonjhar
33. Mr. U.K. Sahoo, Tara Residency, Bhubaneswar
34. Mr. A. Talukdar, VP – The Crown, Bhubaneswar
35. Mr. Raj Kumar, Chandrakala Guest House, Bhubaneswar

The meeting was chaired by Chairman, Sri J K Mohanty.

Advisor, Mr. Dipak Rathor welcomed all members present in the meeting and briefed about the forthcoming 2nd Odisha Tourism Conclave to be held in June 2017 organising by the HRAO. He anticipated active participation & full cooperation of all members to make this Conclave a great success.

Chairman, Mr. J.K. Mohanty during his speech, informed to the members that from the beginning HRAO is closely working with state Tourism Department for the growth of Tourism, by conducting various national level workshops / conclaves etc., every year. This year too to boost the vast tourism potential of Odisha, HRAO is organising the “2nd Odisha Tourism Conclave” on 17th June, 2017 at Bhubaneswar. He announced in the meeting that HRAO will organise Odisha Tourism Conclave once in every two years.

He highlighted more on this National Level Conclave which will be inaugurated by His Excellency Governor of Odisha at 10 am and the Valedictory Ceremony will be attended by Hon’ble Chief Minister of Odisha at 6.30 pm.

This Conclave will have six panel discussions on the subjects like ‘Branding of Odisha’, ‘Infrastructure to boost Tourism’, ‘Richness of Eco & Wildlife Tourism’, ‘Creating Tourism Friendly Awareness’, ‘Media & Tourism’, ‘Social Media & Digital Marketing in Tourism Promotion’, ‘Advantages of Odisha Tourism Policy 2016’, ‘Planning From Smart City to Smart State’, ‘Odisha a Buddhist Tourism Circuit’ and ‘Enhancing Skills & Training in Hospitality Education in Tourism Promotion’ etc.

The participants who have been identified to be in these various panel discussions are : Sri Vikram Oberoi, President, Hotel Association of India, Sri V K Duggal, IAS (Retd.), Former Home Secretary and Governor of Mizoram, Sri Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Ayog, New Delhi, Sri Sanjeeb Chopra, IAS, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Industries, Govt. of Odisha, Smt. Usha Padhi, IAS, Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India, Sri Suresh Nair, GM, Air Asia, Sri S R Hota, Director,

Airport Authority of India, Sri Tathagat Satpathy, Hon'ble MP, Smt. Arti Ahuja, IAS, Principal Secretary, Tourism, Govt. of Odisha, Dr. N B Jawale, IAS, Director Tourism, Govt. of Odisha, Sri Asit Tripathy, IAS, Principal Secretary, Home Dept., Govt. of Odisha, Dr. T K Chand, CMD-NALCO, Sri Suresh N Patel, MD & CEO, Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd., New Delhi etc.

Resolution No. 1 -Budget approval for Conclave :

To meet the expenditure for this conclave, it was decided that all HRAO members will contribute additional at least Rs.2,000 each towards this Conclave. HRAO will also approach different organisations, who are participating in this Conclave, for sponsorship to meet the expenditure.

Resolution No. 2 -Sponsor Committee Members :

It was decided to form a Sponsor Committee to raise the funds for the Conclave, the members selected for this Committee are:

Mr. J.K. Mohanty, Mr.Dipak Rathor, Mr. Milan Sahoo, Mr. Jonathan Raul, Mr. SrinibashSubudhi, Mr.Milind Gupta, Mr.Sakya Singh Yadav& Mr. RabindraNathSahoo.

Resolution No. 3 - Letters received & replied :

1. It was observed that some hoteliers of Odisha are directly applying to HRAEI, Kolkata for membership without obtaining membership of HRAO, it was, therefore, decided that a letter to be issued under the signature of the Chairman, to the President, HRAEI, Kolkata not to accept those membership application without recommendation of the HRAO. It was also agreed by Mr. Souvagya Mohapatra, EC Member, FHRAI & HRAO.
2. Letter received from O/o. Executive Engineer, Prachi Division, Bhubanewar regarding ; Assessment and collection of Water Tax from working Industries / Hotels and commercial establishment.

It was decided that a letter to be issued to provide us details of tax structure for members information/clarification.

3. Received a letter from O/o. Commissioner of Food Safety, Odisha regarding ; Organising of sensitization / training programme for the Food Business Operators.

Chairman HRAO briefed on this that Dept. Of Sports & Dept. Of Tourism, Govt. Of Odisha jointly organising “22nd Asian Athletics Meet scheduled to be held at Bhubaneswar from 5th July – 10th July, 2017. In this meet 45 countries participating, for which they need to keep their Kitchens & Food items to be hygienic condition during those days.

4. Letter of invitation received from Planning Member, BDA to participate in the Vendors Meet on Energy Efficient Building Materials / Technologies.

5. Mr.SrinibashSubudhi, Secretary General, HRAO has been nominated as Member – Regional Advisory Committee of Office of the Chief Commissioner – Central Excise, Customs & Service Tax, Bhubaneswar w.e.f. 18.05.2017 and their first meeting will be held on 23.05.2017 to learn and educate others on GST matter.

Resolution No. 4 - Suggestions from members :

1. Branding Odisha – Smart City to Smart Odisha
2. East Coast Railway – Mr. Sudhansu Sekhar Mohapatra, AGM to be invited to attend the Odisha Tourism Conclave as panel member.
3. Memorandum to be presented to the Excise Department to keep saleable & branded beverages as hoteliers are facing lot of problems with guests staying in hotels. A copy of the said letter to be marked to the “Odisha State Beverage Corporation”
4. Rs. 60,000/- was provisioned for Renovation of HRAO Office namely ; Ceiling, Colouring, Digital Camera and Colour Printer for Computer (actual expenses bill to be approved).

Resolution No. 5 - Treasurer’s Report :

Mr. Sujit Kumar Mohapatra, Treasurer, HRAO read-out his report briefed as under ;

Fixed Deposits at Federal Bank	28,69,043.00
Cash at Federal Bank	16,368.00
Cash at State Bank of India	18,564.00
Cash on hand	2,499.00

Annual Subscription Fees paid by members ; (239)

Paid - 174 Members	Unpaid - 65 Members
105 Members sent for 5 Nos. (each) HRAO Magazines (2017 Issue)	

Members paid for 2nd Odisha Tourism Conclave purpose ;

Sl.No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1.	72 Members were paid on 2 nd Odisha Tourism Conclave @ Rs. 2,500/- (each)	1,79,500.00

N.B. :

Apart from 6 new members were applied and waiting for approval. After inspection only their properties will be approve, they are ;

1.	Hotel Suncity Palace, Belpahar
2.	Hotel Green Park, Talcher (Angul)
3.	Hotel Lucky India, Barbil
4.	The Chocolate House (Restaurant), Bhubaneswar
5.	Hotel Raj Residency, Koraput

6.	Hotel Surya Garden, Talcher
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Approval of New Membership Application Forms ;

Uphar Palace Pvt. Ltd., Sambalpur / Hotel Natraj, Sambalpur / Hotel Li-n-ja, Sambalpur / Hotel Uphar, Sambalpur / Hotel Shivom Palace, Sambalpur / Hotel Ashoka, Sambalpur / Chandramain Lodge, Sambalpur / Hotel Sheetal, Sambalpur / Shree Shankar Hotel, Jharsuguda / Hotel Prince, Jharsuguda / Hotel Kalinga Bar & Restaurant, Jharsuguda / Hotel bishnu Palace, Jharsuguda / Hotel Ananta Balia, Jharsuguda.

The above members have joined under the special membership drive which was held on 20th EC Meeting at Jharsuguda. This meeting was a successful due to the personal contribution of Mr. Asish Palit, Mr. Jasbir Singh Hura, Mr. Dilleswar Sarangi & Mr. Abhisekh Lath. A special thanks to them and congratulations to the new members for joining the HRAO family.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

With regards,

Sd/-

SrinibashSubudhi

Secy. General, HRAO

N.B. : Once again all members were requested to kindly contribute additional Rs. 2000/- towards “2ndOdisha Tourism Conclave-2017” at the earliest.