

HOTEL & RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA

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Minutes of the 26th EC Meeting held at “Padmaja Premium”, Bhubaneswar on 23.07.2019 at 5.00 p.m.



Members present ;

1. Mr. J.K. Mohanty, Swosti Group, Bhubaneswar
2. Mr. Sarosh Bodhanwalla, Barjorjis Hotel, Balasore
3. Mr. Biswajeet Jethi, Hotel Bishal, Cuttack
4. Mr. Sameer Ali, GM – The New Marrison, Bhubaneswar
5. Mr. Pravudutta Subudhi, Sagar Tarang Residency, Puri
6. Mr. K. Mohanan, Hotel Venus, Bhubaneswar
7. Mr. A. Talukdar, Hospitality Consultant, Hotelementary.com
8. Mr. Bikash Ch. Patnaik, Gouri Cottage, Bhubaneswar
9. Mr. Jayant Ku. Panda, GM – EMPIRES, Bhubaneswar
10. Mr. Dipak S. Rathor, Hotel Ashoka, Cuttack
11. Mr. Milind Gupta, Food Junction, Bhubaneswar
12. Mr. G.N. Biswal, Hotel Roxy, Cuttack
13. Mr. Sakya Singh, Lal Qila Restaurant, Bhubaneswar
14. Mr. Jagannath Das, GM – Hotel Arya Palace, Bhubaneswar
15. Mr. Sujit Ku. Mohapatra, Hotel Lingaraj, Bhubaneswar
16. Mr. Jonathan Raul, Cooks Restaurant, Bhubaneswar

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17. Mr. Aditya Dash, Hotel Golden Anchor, Paradip
18. Mr. Prafulla Ku. Ratha, Hotel 7 Miles, Bhubaneswar
19. Mr. Rabindra Nath Sahoo, Hotel Vintage Villa, Bhubaneswar
20. Mr. Bijay Ku. Sahoo, Hotel Vintage Villa, Bhubaneswar
21. Mr. Srinibash Subudhi, Hotel Janpath, Bhubaneswar
22. Mr. Mahendra Ku. Sahu, Hotel Durene, Bhubaneswar
23. Mr. Prakash Chandra Sahoo, GM – Hotel Durene, Bhubaneswar
24. Mr. Pradipta Mohapatra, Asst. Vice President, Mayfair Group, Bhubaneswar
25. Mr. Subrat Dash, CEO – Padmaja Premium, Bhubaneswar
26. Mr. Soumyajit Majumdar, Director (Opn.) Padmaja Premium, Bhubaneswar
27. Mr. Rabi Narayan Sahoo, Hotel Golden Tree, Puri
28. Mr. Raj Kishore Patra, Hotel Holiday Resort, Puri
29. Mr. Prasant Ku. Jena, Anjali Palace, Bhubaneswar
30. Mr. D.K. Nanda, Hotel Keshari, Bhubaneswar
31. Mr. T.P. Mohanty, Hotel Valley, Joda
32. Mr. Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Ridge Residency, Bhubaneswar
33. Mr. Biswaranjan Routray, Proprietor – Padmaja Premium, Bhubaneswar
34. Mr. Prakash Chandra Prusty, Hotel Subham, Chandipur (Balasore)
35. Mr. Ashok Chowdhury, Royal Suites, Bhubaneswar

One minute silent prayer was observed for late Mr. Subhneet Gugnani of Mango Hotel Group, Bhubaneswar.

Agenda No.1 – Welcome address by Chairman :

Chairman, HRAO presided over the meeting and welcomed all members. He briefed to the members regarding HRAO's initiatives taken up with the State as well as Central Government for taking appropriate steps for rebuilding and revitalizing the hotel industry affected by Cyclone FANI particularly in Puri, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack cities.



He also informed that during the HRAEI Managing Committee meeting held on 22nd July 2019 at Gopalpur, he suggested before the HRAEI Managing Committee that every state President and Secretary should become official members of the Executive Committee of the HRAEI so that all the states may represent their state bodies and this will strengthen the membership and activities of the HRAEI and the same has been accepted by HRAEI.

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Chairman also raised an issue that any hoteliers from Odisha applying for membership with the HRAEI, should have approval of the Hotel & Restaurant Association of Odisha (HRAO) to strengthen the relationship between HRAO and HRAEI.



Agenda No.2 – Keynote address by Advisor ;

Advisor, HRAO, Mr. Deepak S Rathore, in his keynote address welcomed all and expressed his grievances about the damages occurred to the hotel industry due to the Cyclone FANI. He further, requested Chairman and members to work out some action plan for the development of our

neighbor district i.e. Sambalpur hoteliers.

In response, Chairman suggested if any members from Sambalpur facing problems with Bankers, please intimate to the association, so that association can take up the matter with Government.

Agenda No.3 – Keynote address by Vice-Chairmen ;

Mr. Raj Kishore Patra, Vice Chairman, HRAO in his address – stated that the Cyclone FANI devastated Puri drastically. Recently Banks were declared 4% subsidy will be given for soft loans. 30% hotels were already been survived like street light, illumination, safety & security except revenue. Also beach cleaning awareness campaigns are also conducting very often. Finally he requested HRAO to take up the matter with State Government for betterment for hotel industry in Odisha. Also Puri Hotel Association had a special meeting with Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Natural Gas & Petroleum and Steel. The Minister assured to take initiative for the revival of Tourism in Odisha. He advises State Govt. should initiate more advertisements outside states instead of only Roadshows.

In response, Chairman expressed that very shortly meetings will be fixed with Secretary Tourism, Secretary Finance and Hon'ble Minister Tourism. He requested Mr. Raj Kishore Patra to attend these meeting along with some members from Puri for good interaction.

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Also Chairman requested all members to participate in all the Domestic Roadshows which is organized by Dept. of Tourism through FICCI along with their latest brochures to get good mileage. (circular from DoT regarding domestic roadshows attached herewith for ready reference of members)



Mr. T.P. Mohanty, (Joda) Vice Chairman, HRAO invited next EC Meeting to be held at Joda and he will take care of everything. House has accepted in this regard.

Agenda No.4 – Confirmation of last EC Minutes ;

It has been passed by the house.

Agenda No.5 - Letters received & replied ;

1. Proceedings of the meeting for World Tourism Day-2019 which will be send by mail to all members shortly.
2. Letter received from Hotel Ashoka, Cuttack regarding ground water issue. In response, Chairman briefed house that there was a law in Government it has compulsory to pay by all. If anybody interested to go Court of Law, they may their own.
3. Industrial Tariff on Electricity matter – meeting will be take up with Secretary Tourism shortly.
4. Prachi Resorts, Bhubaneswar complaint on BNR Hotel, Puri regarding HRAO discount matter. It has been resolved this issue may forward to Mr. Raj Kishor Patra, Vice Chairman, HRAO for smooth operation. Also decided a letter to be issued under Secretary General's signature.
5. Letter from Mr. Narottam Mohanty, Prop. Hotel Namra Place, Angul & EC Member, HRAO changed his Hotel Name to "I NAMRA" Address 7th Lane, Amalapada, Angul. It has been accepted by the house.

Agenda No. 6 - Secretary General's Report :

Welcome to the EC Members & given thanks to the management of Padmaja Premium for hosting lovely Hi-Tea.

We had our last 30th AGM held on 26th December, 2018 at "Swosti Grand", Bhubaneswar where we had discussed on Go-MMT/IBIBO (OTAs) matter for which we invited to attend meeting on 21.01.2019 at "Hotel New Marrion", Bhubaneswar.

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Post Cyclone FANI – Press Meet conducted on 15.05.2019 at “Swosti Premium”. Also our Chairman submitted a Memorandum to State & Central both our grievances and demands. (Letters dated 16th May & 17th May, 2019)

HRAO delegates met Principal Secretary (Excise) submitted a Memorandum – discussion on Excise Policy-2019-20 and Bar License matter on 22nd June, 2019.

Chairman, HRAO wrote a letter to Hon’ble Union Minister that iconic omission of Odisha in Central Tourism promotion list. (Letter dated 8th July, 2019)

Recently, HRAO Delegates attended HRAEI, Kolkata their Managing Committee Meeting was held on 22nd July, 2019 at “Mayfair Palm Beach”, Gopalpur.

Finally, he informed the house that recently HRAO submitted a reminder letter to Secretary Tourism, dated 20th July, 2019 about the Memorandum submitted by our Chairman dated 16th May, 2019. Following points were raised again ;

- i) Waiving off Sarai Act for Hotel & Restaurant Industry
- ii) Exemption of Bar Licence Fee for One Quarter
- iii) Exemption / Relief of various Tax components for Hotel Industry, e.g. GST, Holding Tax, Municipal Tax etc., (Components which come under purview of State Government)
- iv) Exemption of Electricity Duties, Transformer Restoration, Generator Restoration and such relevant expenditure and statutory charges for members who have suffered destruction of these infrastructure during Cyclone FANI

Agenda No. 7 - Treasurer’s Report ;

PARTICULARS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
Fixed Deposit at Federal Bank	Rs. 28,27,469.00
Cash at Federal Bank	Rs. 19,962.00
Cash at State Bank of India	Rs. 4,44,974.00
Fixed Deposit at State Bank of India	Rs. 1,60,463.00
Cash in Hand (Petty Cash)	Rs. 4,807.00

2nd & 3rd Odisha Tourism Conclave contributions ;

Total 250 Members	85 Members - Unpaid
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Agenda No. 8 - Discussion on 4th Odisha Tourism Conclave-2019 ;

Chairman narrated this year 4th Odisha Tourism Conclave to be organized in the month of September in a big way jointly with “World Trade Centre”. He said 5 top states will be invited to participate in this conclave which will have 4 panel discussions, cultural programme, cocktails & dinner etc., etc. The second half your association plans to invite High Commissioner & Ambassadors of various countries for signing MoUs on Tourism Exchange Programme. Chairman requested all members to participate in this conclave for their business promotion. He requested all Vice Chairmen their concern districts should show-case their district hotels & tourist places.



Agenda No. 9 - Approval of New Members' Applications ;

1. WTF We The Foodies Restaurant, Bhubaneswar

House has disagreed about their Hucca entertainment, because it is an illegal activity. The member has to give one undertaking or approval from Govt. to run the Hucca inside the Restaurant otherwise his membership will be dishonored by the association. Necessary steps may be taken by Mr. K.K. Rao for confirmation.

2. The China Hut (Restaurant), Bhubaneswar

It has been approved by the House.

3. Hotel Sapphire Plaza, Bhubaneswar

It has also been approved by the House.

However, Chairman informed the house “Padmaja Premium” Bhubaneswar was a good property and its membership was unanimously approved.

Agenda No. 10 - Any other point with the permission of the Chair ;

1. Mr. A. Talukdar suggested that each district association should send their reports to the HRAO well in advance before HRAO's EC Meeting. Otherwise it is very difficult to short-out their problems and issues smoothly.

2. Mr. Milind Gupta suggested that update on HRAO's Website is pending since long. It was resolved that a Website Development Committee to be formed with members; Mr. A. Talukdar, Mr. Pravudutta Subudhi, Mr. Sameer Ali, Mr. Sakya Singh Yadav and Mr. Srinibash Subudhi, Secy. General and Mr. A. Talukdar will be the coordinator of the committee for smooth operation in this regard.

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Mr. Biswaranjan Routray, Proprietor of Padmaja Premium was introduced all members and he briefed about himself along with his son.

Vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Subrat Dash, CEO & Mr. Soumyajit Majumdar, Director (Operations)

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

With best wishes

Sd/-

Srinibash Subudhi

Secretary General