

# HOTEL & RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA

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Proceedings of the 28<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held virtually on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 4.30 pm



Vice Chairman, HRAO & Managing Director, Holiday Resort Puri, Sri Raj Kishore Patra welcomed the members virtually and Chairman opened the meeting with one minute silent prayer in memory of late Rajendra Sahoo of Hotel Rajmahal, Balangir and late Jitu Patnaik of Hotel Surya, Dhenkanal, who were very old members and the strong backbone of the Association. Their contribution to the association is unforgettable.

To start the meeting Chairman Sri J K Mohanty appreciated the initiative taken by HRAO in Membership Drive and congratulate Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Secretary General, Sri Jonathan Raul Vice Chairman, Mr. Sujit Mahapatra Treasurer and Mr. K K Rao, Executive Secretary HRAO for their tireless effort in adding 34 new members to the Association during their membership drive. Chairman requested Vice Chairman, Sri Jonathan Raul to share his experience during the membership drive.

Sri Raul informed that it was a big achievement for HRAO that within a short span of time they covered Balangir, Bargarh, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Koraput, Jaipur, Balasore, Chandipur, Mayurbhanj, Baripada, Puri, Cuttack and Khordha and he expressed his sincere thanks to the new members for their interest to associate with HRAO.

Secretary General readout the minutes of the last meeting and as no comments were received from members the minutes were adopted as confirmed and then Secretary General introduced the new members and all members welcomed the new members.

Secretary General further informed that regarding medical facilities to HRAO members AMRI hospitals has already issued privilege cards offering 30% discounts in various medical check ups / tests etc., similar kind of offers have also been received from Sum ultimate and Heridictory Lab. In this regard Chairman suggested that HRAO will give preference who will provide medical facilities at a very nominal discounted prices for the employees of hoteliers. HRAO committee will compile the various offers provided by different hospitals and fix up meetings with them to take this matter forward.

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Relating to the issues for obtaining ground water NOC, it was suggested by Chairman that hoteliers should apply for their NOC individually online before due date to avoid any late fee / penalty. Further it was suggested that individual members should take initiative personally with the ground water authority for obtaining Ground water NOC.

Secretary General informed all members that the HRAO website is now updated and requested members to visit the website of HRAO and share their valuable feedback directly to Secretary General, HRAO for further development of the website.

As HRAO whatsapp group is facing problem in adding members above 260, it was decided to switch over to Telegram App. In this regard Chairman suggested that all members should use telegram app on a trial basis along with existing whatsapp group and after getting comfort in using telegram app HRAO will permanently switched over to telegram app.

Secretary General requested Chairman to declare the next date of HRAO Election, for which Chairman advised after confirmation of Balance sheet for this FY, the next date of election shall be circulated to all members.

To conclude his report, Secretary General requested Chairman, HRAO for taking oath taking ceremony of newly approved members and the same was conducted virtually.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer briefed about association's Income & Expenditure with Bank details etc. and informed that out of 264 members including 34 new members, 163 members have paid their membership fees and requested all members who have not paid their membership fees may please deposit the same at the earliest for smooth functioning of HRAO's day-to-day activities. Chairman declared that the new members do not have to pay till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

## **Suggestions from Members**

1. Mr. A. Talukdar, suggested that now there are three – four national brand hotels are operating in Bhubaneswar to whom our Association should approach for membership. In this regard Chairman informed that normally brand chain hotels are only becoming members of HAI & FHRAI, however, the HRAO will approach their franchise owners for membership.

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2. Mr. Wasim from Keonjhar suggested that tourism in Western Odisha has been developing aggressively during last two years by Tourism Department and he requested association to take up the matter with tourism department for development of Northern Odisha. In this regard Chairman suggested Mr. Wasim to submit a letter to the Association highlighting the tourism products of Northern Odisha and the association will definitely take up the matter with the Government.

## **The following proposals were gathered during keynote address of Chairman, HRAO**

1. Chairman proposed that since so many new members have been added to the Association the association will now go for publishing new directory of HRAO with correct information on our website. Physically a membership directory would also be printed by our association and a common format will be sent by Mr. K K Rao for providing latest information of individual hoteliers.
2. It was informed by Chairman that hotels / services sector came under the MSME Act and the Association is following up with MSME Department for an interaction with the stakeholders to gather more details about the facilities provided by MSME to the services sector. The interaction may be happen in the month of February 2022.
3. He further proposed that the four vice chairmen of four zones should have at least two meetings every year with their district secretaries which will be helpful to resolve district level problems. Either Secretary General or Vice Chairman from the Head office will attend the zonal meetings.
4. The association is planning to conduct an interactive meeting with Policy officials to resolve issues related to harassment of police to hoteliers.
5. He proposed that all district level secretaries shall have to maintain better relationship with their respective District Collector, Superintendent Police, ADM and District Administration for smooth and effective operation of the HRAO.

Mr. U S Panigrahi, Managing Director, Hotel Mayuree, Berhampur and Vice Chairman, ended the meeting with his vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
**Dr. Srinibash Subudhi**  
**Secretary General**

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