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## Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 21.10.2022 at “Hotel Holiday Resort”, Puri at 3.00 pm.



During this EC Meeting a record number of members turned out with their families.

### **Members present ;**

1. Mr. J.K. Mohanty, Swosti Group, Bhubaneswar
2. Mr. Uma Panigrahy, Tampara Resorts, Berhampur
3. Mr. Raj Kishore Patra, Hotel Holiday Resort, Puri
4. Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Hotel Janpath, Bhubaneswar
5. Mr. Sujit Kumar Mohapatra, Hotel Lingaraj, Bhubaneswar
6. Mr. Prasant Kumar Jena, Hotel Anjali Palace, Bhubaneswar

7. Mr. Rabi Narayan Sahoo, Hotel Golden Tree, Puri
8. Md. Washim Naiyar, Hotel The Sans, Keonjhar
9. Mr. Narottam Mohanty, i-Namra, Angul
10. Mr. Jubula Kumar Jethi, Hotel Bishal, Cuttack
11. Mr. Siba Prasad Mohanty, Hotel Golden Palace, Kendrapara
12. Mr. Sarosh Bodhanwalla, Hotel Barjorjis Banjara, Balasore
13. Mr. Ashis Palit, The Orchard, Jharsuguda
14. Mr. Jasbir Singh Hura, Hotel Sheela Towers, Sambalpur
15. Mr. Santosh Kumar Patra, Hotel Holiday Resort, Puri
16. Mr. Rabi Ranjan Pujari, Hotel Park Land, Balangir
17. Mr. Ashok Kumar Padhi, Hotel Sarojinee Residency, Balangir
18. Mr. J.P.N. Purohit, Hotel Swayam, Balangir
19. Mr. Somnath Banerjee, Hotel New Sea Hawk, Puri
20. Mr. Rama Kumar Dash, Hotel Indraprasth, Balangir
21. Mr. Prasant Kumar Dash, Hotel New Rockbay, Puri
22. Mr. Prasant Kumar Tripathy, Hotel Daffodil, Puri
23. Mr. S.N. Senapati, Hotel New Rockbay, Puri
24. Mr. Amrit Subudhi, Subudhi's Inn, Puri
25. Mr. Bijay Kumar Subudhi, Subudhi's Inn, Puri
26. Mr. Sakya Singh Yadav, Lal Qila Restaurant, Bhubaneswar
27. Mr. K. Prasant Kumar, Gautam Palace, Berhampur
28. Mr. Sanjeeb K. Patnaik, Mayfair Lagoon, Bhubaneswar
29. Mr. Jayanta Kumar Panda, Empires, Bhubaneswar
30. Mr. Rabindra Kumar Das, Empires, Puri
31. Mr. Nilamani Pany, Hotel Prasanti, Angul
32. Mr. Arbin Chawda, Hotel Goutam Vihar, Angul
33. Mr. Jitendra Kumar Patra, Ananya Resorts, Puri
34. Mr. Ramprakash Senapati, Hotel Narendra View, Puri
35. Mr. Sankaracharya Pradhan, Hotel Santi, Angul
36. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Senapati, Hotel Excellency, Bhubaneswar
37. Mr. Dipak Rathore, Hotel Ashoka, Cuttack
38. Mr. Pabitra Kumar Swain, Hotel The Adventure, Bhubaneswar
39. Mr. Akhilesh Parida, Hotel Suraj Palace, Bhubaneswar
40. Mr. Ranadeb Ghosh, Hotel Sai Jagannath, Bhubaneswar
41. Mr. Devi Prasad Pati, Ginger Hotels, Bhubaneswar
42. Mr. Shankarjee Mohapatra, Varenya's Restaurant, Bhubaneswar
43. Sk. Rehan Ali, Big Cup Café, Bhubaneswar

44. Mr. Milan Ku. Sahoo, Hotel Richi, Bhubaneswar
45. Mr. Siba Ram Sahoo, Hotel Nandan International, Berhampur
46. Mr. Jonathan, COOK's INN, Bhubaneswar
47. Mr. Milind Gupta, Food Junction, Bhubaneswar
48. Dr. Santosh Ku. Behera, Hotel Blue Wheel, Bhubaneswar
49. Mr. Biraja Dhal, GM – Hotel Hans Coco Palms, Puri
50. Choudhury Umakant Sahoo, The Tara Residency, Bhubaneswar
51. Mr. Debasis Das, Hotel Lucky International, Balasore
52. Mr. Rabindra Nath Sahoo, Hotel Vintage Villa, Bhubaneswar
53. Mr. Prasant Kumar Sahoo, Hotel VIP Square, Bhubaneswar
54. Mr. Krushna Chandra Jena, Hotel Swarnavilla, Puri
55. Mr. Debasish Mohanty, Hotel LaRINA, Puri
56. Mr. Jitesh Garabadu, Hotel Pushpak, Bhubaneswar
57. Mr. Preet Kumar Das, The Chef Restaurant, Bhubaneswar
58. Mr. K. Mohanan, Hotel Venus, Bhubaneswar
59. Mr. Biswajit Pramanik, Hotel Srihari Inn, Balasore
60. Mr. Sila Siba Prasad, Hotel The Grand Siba, Sambalpur
61. Mr. Dhiman Mazumdar, CEO – The World, Barbil
62. Mr. Rabi Narayan Mishra, Hotel Garden Resort, Puri
63. Mr. Saroj Kumar Rath. Hotel Gandhara, Puri
64. Mr. Subrat Dash, Pipul Padmaja Premium, Bhubaneswar
65. Mr. Sweta Brata Swain, Hotel Kamlesh Continental, Angul
66. Mr. Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Hotel Valley, Joda
67. Mr. Nilendra K. Mahapatra, Hotel Destination, Jatni
68. Mr. Pyarimohan Pradhan, Hotel Chakratirtha House, Puri
69. Mr. Laxmichand Choudhury, Hotel Kamala, Bhubaneswar



In this meeting both EC & Non-EC members were present and families of many members had also accompanied them for evening get-together.

The welcome address was given by our Advisor, Sri Dipak Rathore & he welcome all members and asked them to self-introduce themselves.

Shri J.K. Mohanty, Lifetime Chairman presided over the meeting and delivered the keynote address. He informed that the 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 is the proposed date for holding the “Odisha Tourism Conclave”. We have invited various Central & State Government Ministers and Hon’ble Chief Minister to inaugurate the conclave.

HRAO has been working with the Government since 1984 and has been giving suggestions for betterment of tourism in the state of Odisha. Some suggestions mature in a short time and some take time. HRAO had been demanding for Airport at Jeypore and this became a reality today. Direct Flight to Dubai is expected to start shortly, also VGF (Viable Gap Funding) for other International Flights will be resume shortly, starting of Road-shows & participating in International & National Travel Bazaars are some of the activities which HRAO has been constantly following with the Government all these are being implemented by the Department of Tourism.

Sri Raj Kishore Patra, Vice Chairman, Puri in his address said that the Covid impact getting reduced the market is improving and it is a good sign for the hospitality sector. Lifetime Chairman, Sri J.K. Mohanty has taken HRAO to the national level and also various committees have been made by him comprising of members of HRAO to solve the problems being faced by members, which is a very positive step. He also said that the Cyber Crime & Fraud is a new nuisance being faced by hospitality industry and all members should be very careful about this. They are creating false websites of renowned properties & taking bookings and advance through these portals thus cheating the consumers and this could cause a lot of bad name to the properties. Few hotels in Puri have already faced these issues and he requested all members to be vigilant against this.

Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Working President address the members and informed the house that this is the first meeting after election of new Office Bearers and the State has been divided into zones and each zone will be represented by Vice Chairman & Joint Secretary respectively. The details of the zone are as follows.

### **District-wise Chart of Vice Chairmen & Joint Secretaries**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Name of the Joint Secretary</b>	<b>District</b>
1.	Mr. Jonathan Raul	Mr. Siba Mohanty	Khurda, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur & Kendrapara
2.	Mr. Tarini Prasad Mohanty	Mr. Sakya Singh	Nayagarh, Kandhamal, Boudh
3.	Mr. Sankaracharya Pradhan	Mr. Arbin Chawda	Angul, Dhenkanal & Deogarh
4.	Mr. Sarosh Bodhanwalla	Mr. Sangram Das	Balasore, Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak & Jajpur
5.	Mr. Asish Palit	Mr. Sila Siba Prasad	Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Sundargarh, Bargarh, Balangir, Nuapada, Kalahandi & Subarnapur
6.	Mr. Raj Kishore Patra	Mr. Saroj Kumar Rath	Puri
7.	Mr. Uma Sankar Panigrahy	Mr. Sayed Rahim	Ganjam, Gajapati, Rayagada, Koraput, Malkangiri & Nabrangapur

**N.B.** : The following Districts has no members to our association.

1. Boudh
2. Deogarh
3. Nuapada
4. Subarnapur
5. Gajapati
6. Malkangiri &
7. Nabrangpur

He also informed the house about the various committees and the name of the member who are a part of the committee. The list is enclosed once again for reference.

## HRAO – Name of Committees

Sl	Name of the Committee	Committee Members
1.	Finance	Mr. J.K. Mohanty, Mr. Dipak Rathor, Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Mr. Jonathan Raul, Mr. Milind Gupta, Mr. Sujit Ku. Mohapatra, Mr. Silla Siba Prasad, Mr. Ashis Palit, Mr. Sankar Pradhan & Mr. Prasant Kumar Jena
2.	Legal	Mr. Dipak Rathor, Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Mr. Jonathan Raul, Mr. R.K. Patra, Mr. Milind Gupta, Mr. Sujit Ku. Mohapatra & Mr. Gunjan Poddar.
3.	Excise	Mr. Jonathan Raul, Mr. Milind Gupta, Mr. Sujit Kumar Mohapatra, Mr. Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Mr. Jasbir Singh Hura & Mr. Ashis Palit.
4.	Inspection & Membership Drive	Mr. Jonathan Raul, Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Mr. Milind Gupta, Mr. Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Mr. Sujit Kumar Mohapatra, Mr. Sakya Singh & Mr. Subho Biswas
5.	Website/Digital Marketing	Mr. J.K. Mohanty, Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Mr. Jonathan Raul, Mr. Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Mr. Milind Gupta, Mr. Sakya Singh, Mr. Pravudutta Subudhi, Mr. Ashis Palit & Mr. Sarosh Bondhanwalla.
6.	Dues Collection & Fund Raising	Mr. Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Mr. Milind Gupta, Mr. Sujit Kumar Mohapatra, Mr. Prasant Kumar Jena, Mr. Jonathan Raul, Mr. R K Patra, Mr. Silla Siba Prasad, Mr. Ashok Ku. Padhi, Mr. Sumeet Das & All Jt. Secretaries.
7.	Tourism Policy	Mr. J.K. Mohanty, All Vice Chairmen, Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Mr. Milind Gupta, Mr. Dipak Rathore, Mr. Jasbir Singh Hura, Mr. Silla Siba Prasad, Mr. Ashis Palit, Mr. Jayant Panda, Mr. Suresh Ch. Patnaik, Mr. Siba Prasad Mohanty & Mr. Ashok Kumar Das.
8.	MSME & Industry Dept. Matters	Mr. J.K. Mohanty, Mr. Dipak Rathore, Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Mr. Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Mr. Jonathan Raul, Mr. Milind Gupta, Mr. Vinay Gupta & Mr. Ashok Sarada.
9.	Electricity	Mr. Dipak Rathore, Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Mr. Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Mr. Milind Gupta, Mr. Jasbir Singh Hura, Mr. R K Patra & Mr. Ashok Sarada
10.	Attending meetings in Other Govt. Departments	Mr. J.K. Mohanty, Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Mr. Jonathan Raul, Mr. Tarini Prasad Mohanty; Mr. Milind Gupta, Mr. Milan Ku. Sahoo, Mr. K.

		Mohanar & Mr. Priyanath Behera.
11.	Half yearly Magazine (Editorial, Articles & Advertisement)	Mr. J K Mohanty, Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, all Vice Chairmen, Mr. Milind Gupta, Mr. Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Mr. Sanjeeb K Patnaik, Mr. Jayanta Panda, Mr. R K Patra, Mr. U S Panigrahi, Ms. Kushboo Sahu & Mr. Ashok Sarada.
12	Annual Tourism Conclave Committee	Mr. J K Mohanty, Working President, Secretary General, All Vice Chairmen & All Jt. Secretaries.

The house approved the 15 Nos. new membership applications received during this year.

Lifetime Chairman, Shri J.K. Mohanty welcome all the new members and conducted the swearing in of these members. The list of new members are as follows.

S.No.	Name of Hotel / Restaurant	Contact Person & Mob. No.
1.	The Adventure Luxury Hotels, Bhubaneswar	Mr. Pabitra Ku. Swain, MD Mob. 9437071674
2.	Hotel Park Land, Balangir	Mr. Rabi Ranjan Pujari Mob. 7735231188
3.	Ginger Hotel, Bhubaneswar	Mr. Shantanu Das, Cluster Manager Mob. 9238000283 &
4.	Taj Vivanta, Bhubaneswar	Mr. Ashirvad Praharaj, GM Mob. 8592855570
5.	Hotel Suraj Palace, Bhubaneswar	Mr. Akilesh Parida, Partner Mob. 9778899099
6.	Varenya's Restaurant, Bhubaneswar	Mr. Shankarjee Mohapatra, MD Mob. 9437008760 Mr. V. Kannan, Exec. Director Mob. 9437017355
7.	Hotel Destination, Jatni	Mr. Nilendra K. Mahapatra, Mob. 9437021821
8.	Spoons & Forks Restaurant, Barbil	Mr. Dhiman Mazumdar Mob. 9090800111 & Mob. 9438671219
9.	Hotel Sai Jagannath, Bhubaneswar	Mr. Ashish Kumar Mohini M.D – Mob. 9937663750

10.	Big Cup Café (Gayatri Devi Foods & Beverages Pvt. Ltd. Bhubaneswar	Mr. Smruti Ranjan Biswal, M.D Mob. 9937069927
11.	Hotel VIP Square, Puri	Mr. Prasant Ku. Sahoo Chief Executive Officer Mob. 9938747400
12.	Hotel Swarnavilla, Puri	Mr. Krushna Chandra Jena Chief Executive Officer Mob. 9437026294
13.	Hotel LaRINA, Puri	Mr. Debasish Mohanty Proprietor Mob. 9437001666
14.	Hotel New Rockbay, Puri	Mr. Prasant Ku. Dash, Partner Mob. 7978163793 Mr. Surya Narayan Senapati, Partner Mob. 9437043137
15.	Subudhi's Inn, Puri	Mr. Bijay Ku. Subudhi Chief Executive Officer Mob. 9937053324

Sri Jasbir Singh Hura, EC Member, HRAO addressed the house and welcomed Lifetime Chairman, Sri J.K. Mohanty & all members of Puri. He requested all members to respond to any queries made by HRAO and to put-forth their problems if any to the parent body. He also said that Electricity matter, apart from demand for Industrial Tariff the bill given by TATA Power at present is beyond the understanding of a common man and lot of hidden charges are there. A separate meeting should be held with concerned officials to solve this problem.

Fire NOC is also a very big issue for small budget hotels as their norms are not friendly & impossible to meet for small hotels. Ground Water Tariff is also becoming a point of concern for the hospitality industry. He suggested HRAO should be the part of ZRVCL and DRVCC of Railways. He also said a survey should be conducted for census of all hotels in Odisha and a directory should be published consisting of the same. Advertisement from various suppliers related to hospitality industry should be collected and this can be a fund raiser activity of HRAO. He also suggested that the Dept. of Tourism should share their plans for development of tourism sites across the state with the members for their better understanding.



He also suggested that a Retired OAS Officer should be appointed in HRAO for liaisoning and to help solve various issues of the hospitality industry with the Department. He also suggested that HRAO should be represented by its members in various Govt. Committees constituted by the Dept. of Tourism & other Departments for related development of Tourism in Odisha. He also said that the Jharsuguda Airport is now virtually un-operational as number of flights has been drastically reduced and the flights which are operating are very erratic in their timings.

Sri Milind Gupta, Secretary General submitted his report & confirmed the minutes of the last EC meeting held on 29.01.2022. He also informed that 20 letters have been received by HRAO from various Departments and FHRAI which have been forwarded for the information of all members.

Our Lifetime Chairman has been constantly following up with all Departments for promotion of tourism in Odisha both at the State & national level. 11 letters have been written by our Lifetime Chairman in this regard. Copies of which have already been mailed to all members. He congratulated HRAO members Mr. Jonathan Raul, Vice Chairman (Hq), Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Working President, Mr. Sujit Mohapatra, Treasurer & Mr. K.K. Rao during the last financial year for the membership drive & this year also the entire team is putting in lot of effort and 15 Nos. new members have been confirmed.

HRAO for the first time with tremendous support from 117 members collected Rs. 6,00,202.00 and contributed to the Chief Minister Relief Fund to the Hon'ble Tourism Minister. He thank all the members for their support in this noble cause and requested for more participation whole-heartedly from all members. He also requested members to participate in the large numbers in the forthcoming Odisha Tourism Conclave and also to collect Advertisements in their respective area for the HRAO yearly magazine to be published post the conclave. He also suggested that all members should work unitedly towards making association stronger and for development of Tourism in the state of Odisha.

HRAO was formed in the year 1986 in the very place where our 29<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting is being held Late L.G. Patra and Sri J.K. Mohanty along with few other members met for the first time to fight against the atrocities of OSFC. This was the birth of

HRAO. Co-ordinating all events related to the Tourism with the Dept. of Tourism to promote Tourism in the state is being done by HRAO. Informing members of changes in statutory norms and all updates regarding hospitality industry and communicating important developments with regard to hospitality industry being received by our parental body FHRAI to all members. HRAO has organized Puri Beach Festival successfully for 13 years. After HRAO withdrawal the same could not be sustained. Organising Odisha Tourism Conclave which gives suggestions to the Department for betterment of tourism in the state and a lot of suggestions given in the past have been implemented by the Department. HRAO arranges meeting between stakeholders and other related departments to address the problems of hospitality industry. HRAO members can participate in Road-shows and Fairs being conducted by Dept. of Tourism both at national & international platforms. HRAO is also stakeholders in the formulation of Tourism Policy of the state. When the Bar timings were changed from 10 am to 10 pm in the state, it was HRAO which raised the voice against this and worked relentlessly to get the timings changed back to 12 pm to 12 am successfully. HRAO fought relentlessly during the Covid time for the interest of its members and only On-Shop license holders were given waiver off upto 7 months of license fee. No other segment has received any such waiver from the Government. We hope the above few activities are itself a mirror as to how important a role HRAO plays as an association to protect and boost tourism in the state of Odisha. Literally we can say that HRAO is the **WATCH DOG OF TOURISM OF THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE OF ODISHA.**

The Secretary General thanked all members for taking off from their valuable time to come and attend the meeting and also thanked Sri Raj Kishore Patra, Vice Chairman, Puri and Managing Director, Hotel Holiday Resort, Puri & their management & staff for the excellent hospitality extended to all members. He also thanked all other members of Puri who gave rooms in their hotels for stay of members.

Sri Sujit Kumar Mohapatra, Treasurer and Sri Prasant Kumar Jena, Jt. Treasurer submitted their Treasurer's Report and informed the house as follows ;

**INCOME ;****EXPENDITURE ;**

<b>From</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>
01.04.2022 to 21.10.2022	9,65,450.00	01.04.2022 to 21.10.2022	5,04,966.00
<b>PARTICULARS</b>		<b>AMOUNT (Rs.)</b>	
Fixed Deposit at Federal Bank with Interest			33,19,626.00
Cash Balance at Federal Bank			1,37,080.00
Fixed Deposit at State Bank of India with Interest			18,33,020.00
Cash Balance at State Bank of India			5,22,168.00
Cash in Hand			1,000.00

Some members are no longer operating their properties & their business has been permanently closed at present. It was recommended to discontinue their Membership from the association. The members are as follows ;

1. Hotel Swarna, Bhubaneswar
2. Hotel Solan Inn, Bhubaneswar
3. Venus NXT, Bhubaneswar
4. Keyar's Food, Sahid Nagar, Bhubaneswar
5. Laxmi Nivas Lodging, Berhampur &
6. Barjorjis Bhojan The Traditonal, Balasore

The house approved the same.

The new members expressed their views & feeling on attending their first meeting of HRAO. They informed the house that they felt honored to be a part of such an esteemed association.

The open house session was then held Sri Asish Palit, Vice Chairman, Sambalpur asked about the status of direct membership of HRAO members to FHRAI. The Lifetime Chairman, Sri J.K. Mohanty informed that as FHRAI body is under an interim working president and due to a statusquo order no new decisions are being

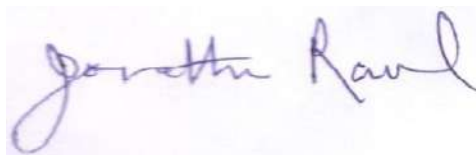
taken by FHRAI. Once the issue is resolved the matter will be taken up by HRAO by once again.

Sri Sila Siba Prasad, Jt. Secretary, Sambalpur informed the house that Fire NOC is a big issue is faced by all members and steps should be taken to address this issue as soon as possible.

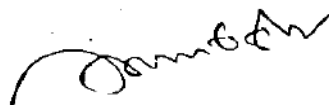
Md. Washim Naiyar. Jt. Secretary, asked that HRAO should tie-up with Gas Companies to get bulk discount on commercial cylinder. Mr. Milind Gupta, Secretary General informed the house that HRAO has already done tie-up with Gas Vendor who is giving a discount upto Rs. 320/- on commercial cylinder for few cities. He also informed the house that basing on this letter the members in their respective areas can negotiate with their vendor to avail such discounts.

The vote of thanks was given by Sri Uma Sankar Panigrahy, Vice Chairman, Ganjam. He thanked all members for taking out their valuable time to attend this meeting from across the state. He also thanked Lifetime Chairman for the excellent work being done & also thanked Shri Raj Kishore Patra for hosting this meeting and the excellent hospitality extended by his Management & Staff.

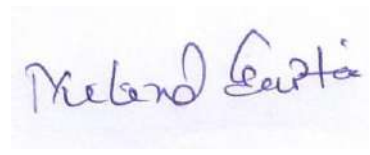
With regards,



**Jonathan Raul**  
Vice Chairman (Hd.Qrs.)



**Dr. Srinibash Subudhi**  
Working President



**Milind Gupta**  
Secretary General

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## Minutes of the Meeting held with Tourism Minister on 21.10.2022 at 4.30 pm at “Hotel Holiday Resort”, Puri



Sri Dipak Rathor, Advisor started the proceeding of the meeting. He welcomed Hon'ble Minister Tourism – Sri Aswini Kumar Patra, Sri S.R. Jadhav, IAS Director Tourism, Mr. J.K. Mohanty, Mr. Raj Kishore Patra, Mr. Jonathan Raul, Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Mr. Jasbir Singh Hura, Mr. Milind Gupta and he asked Mr. J.K. Mohanty to deliver his address.

Sri J.K. Mohanty, Lifetime Chairman, HRAO addressed the house & gave suggestions for development of tourism in Odisha. He stressed that Film Tourism is an unexplored area and has high potential to enhance tourism in the state. He also suggested that good quality short videos be made to promote the tourism sites of Odisha. Medical Tourism can also be a way to increase tourist footfall in the state. International Flight connectivity is badly required to increase foreign tourist footfalls also urged upon the Government to again start the Viability Gap Funding for Airlines along with more direct domestic air connectivity as well as more train connectivity. He also informed that though Industry status has been granted to the hospitality sector but the benefit of the same still not available to the hospitality sector.

He expressed his sincere thank to the Government & the Dept. of Tourism for the excellent work being done by them for development of tourism in the state like the

starting of Jeypore Airport & beautification of Temples & its surrounding Places in various tourist places. He also stressed that project like Disney Land is required in Odisha which will attract lot of tourists. He also informed the house HRAO conducts the Odisha Tourism Conclave for introspection on tourism every year in the state of Odisha.

Sri R.K. Patra, Vice Chairman, Puri suggested certain measures for the infrastructure development and increase footfall in Puri like ; a Convention Hall for 5000 people, Night life activities like INOX, Urban Haat, Musical Night Shows, Heritage Walk Corridor, Hop-On & Hop-Off Buses. He also requested that the train connectivity should be increased to pre-covid levels.



Sri Jasbir Singh Hura, EC Member, HRAO address the house and suggested that the Govt. should focus more on domestic tourism as it will help small & medium budget hotels which consist of more than 80% in hospitality industry. He also suggested the beautification of Puri Railway Station should be done in such a manner to give a religious feeling for passengers arriving there. He also suggested that an information system be put in place for tourists coming to Puri informing about the various timings & rituals of the Temples and also of the various activities in the city. He also said that Fire NOC is a very big issue for old & existing hotels and requesting the Department kindly intervene and help in getting NOCs for these hotels. He also informed the house that Cyber-Crime is a big threat to the hospitality industry and necessary steps should be taken to prevent them.

Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Working President –address the house and gave a very broad outline on the progress made by Department & HRAO for tourism in the state. He thanked the Govt. for declaring the workers of hospitality Industry as Covid Warriors during the Covid time. He also informed that in the past members



of HRAO are participated in Overseas Tours & Road-shows. He thanks the Department for the support being extended for promotion of Tourism.

The Open House session was held and Sri Jitendra Patra of Ananya Resorts, Puri requested the Department to solve the problems being faced by him with regards to construction of new property in Puri wherein he has now been asked to submit a NOC from Airport Authority of India keeping in view the proposed Puri Airport. Whereas AAI has expressed its inability as still there is no define ear-marked area handed over to them for this propose of International Airport at Puri.



Sri Rama Kumar Dash, Hotel Indraprasht, Balangir wanted to know the status of the proposed Ropeway is connecting Harishankar Narsinghanath.

Sri S.R. Jadhav, IAS – Director Tourism listened very patiently to all the issues raised by various members and said according to him only two issues are of significant importance which are the Fire NOC issue and other AAI NOC issue. He said that the Department will look into the matter. He gave a brief outline on the development work being undertaken by the Department in Puri. He also informed that Beach shack policy has already been published. Home stay policy, House Boat policy and a Booking Engine is being started by Department which will help building more tourist confidence. He also said that Cyber Crime is an issue & needs to be dealt with. He advised HRAO to have a legal cell to look into the legal needs of the hospitality stakeholders. He also informed that the letter “C” i.e. Course, CAG, CVC, are hindrances in the speed with which the Department wants to development the tourism in the state of Odisha and the Department is dealing with this that is the reason why some projects are getting delayed.



Sri Aswini Kumar Patra, Hon'ble Minister –informed that most of the topics have already been covered by the Director Tourism. The Govt. & Department of Tourism are working hard & every necessary steps are being taken for improvement of tourism in the state of Odisha.

Sri Minind Gupta, Secretary General expressed his thanks to the Hon'ble Minister for sparing his valuable time and coming straight from constituency to attend this meeting.

He also thanked the Director Tourism to spare his valuable time amidst his very busy schedule to attend this meeting. He also thanked Chairman & Members for coming from all over the state and lastly thanked Shri Raj Kishore Patra for hosting this meeting and the excellent hospitality extended by his Management & Staff service smoothly.

With regards,

**Jonathan Raul**  
Vice Chairman (Hd.Qrs.)

**Dr. Srinibash Subudhi**  
Working President

**Milind Gupta**  
Secretary General

**Copy forwarded for kind information to ;**

Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister, Tourism, OLLC & Excise  
Private Secretary to Principal Secretary Tourism &  
Private Secretary to Director Tourism