

# **HOTEL & RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA**

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## **Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee Meeting” held at “Hotel Excellency, Bhubaneswar” on 17.11.2023 at 5.30 pm.**

The meeting was presided over by **Lifetime Chairman, Dr. J.K. Mohanty** & the following members attended the meeting.



Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Hotel Janpath, Bhubaneswar  
Sri Jonathan Raul, COOK'S Inn, Bhubaneswar  
Sri Milind Gupta, Food Junction, Bhubaneswar  
Sri Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Ridge Residency, Bhubaneswar  
Sri Sujit Mohapatra, Hotel Lingaraj, Bhubaneswar  
Sri Preet Kumar Das, The Chef Restaurant, Bhubaneswar  
Sri Rabindra Nath Sahoo, Hotel Vintage Villa, Bhubaneswar  
Sri Satyanarayan Mohanty, Hotel Pooja, Joda  
Sri Milan Kumar Sahoo, Hotel Richi, Bhubaneswar  
Sri Prasant Kumar Tripathy, Hotel Daffodil, Puri  
Sri Sakya Singh Yadav, Lal Qila Restaurant, Bhubaneswar  
Md. Washim Naiyar, Hotel The Sans, Keonjhar  
Sri Prasant Kumar Sahoo, Hotel UG Mansion, Bhubaneswar  
Sri Uma Sankar Panigrahy, Hotel Mayuree, Tampara Resort, Tampara  
Sri Gopal Samantaray, Hotel Chandramani, Sambalpur  
Sri Dilip Mishra, Hotel Royal Retreat, Sambalpur  
Sri Silla Siba Prasad, Hotel The Grand Siba, Sambalpur  
Sri Pradip Kumar Senapati, Hotel Excellency, Bhubaneswar

Sri Subrat Dash, Pipul Padmaja Premium, Bhubaneswar  
Sri Sayed Rahim, Hotel Holiday Home, Gopalpur  
Sri Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Hotel Valley, Joda  
Dr. Santosh Kumar Behera, Hotel Blue Wheel, Bhubaneswar  
Sri Mahesh Prasad Behera, GM – Koshal Hotels, Puri



**Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Working President** welcomed all the members & thanked them for sparing their valuable time to attend this meeting. He requested all members present to give their introduction. Dr. Subudhi requested to all Vice Chairmen & Jt. Secretaries to give feedback on the various activities in their areas and problems, if any.

**Sri Uma Sankar Panigrahy, Vice Chairman (Ganjam)** informed the members that the various tourism proposal given to Tourism Dept., Hon'ble MP & MLAs present during the last EC Meeting of HRAO held at Tampara, most of the proposals the work has been started and rest approval for projects have been accorded and work will commence very soon. He also informed the house they have received the Fire NOC from the Department and members can contact him and take his help in understanding the process for getting Fire NOC for their respective properties.

He also informed that previously Tourism Department used to mail all letters & circulars to the Ganjam District Hotel Association but since last sometime the same is not coming and requested to HRAO write a letter on their behalf to the Department for the same.

Lifetime Chairman proposed that all District Associations will have an email ID if not then they may create one the entire list of all 30 Districts along with their Emails will be submitted to Department requesting them to inform all the District Associations and not have policy of sending it to 2 3 District Associations. The same was appreciated by all members and resolved in this meeting to do the same.

**Sri Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Vice Chairman (Bhubaneswar)** informed the house HRAO is doing a great job for increasing the membership throughout the State. But at the same time it has been noticed that a few members are not honoring the Membership Cards and their staff are not aware of the same which sometime leads to embarrassment. He therefore requested that all members should be once again informed to honour the Membership Card issued by the HRAO. He also informed the house that a Fire Amnesty Scheme will be declared very shortly by the Government.

**Sri Sila Siba Prasad, Jt. Secretary (Sambalpur)** informed that Western Odisha is facing a problem of increase of Trade License Fees and especially in Sambapur the Trade License Fees is increasing is more than 5 times. He wanted to know what the trade

license fees in other cities are and various members informed him of the trade license amount being paid by them. Lifetime Chairman requested him to give a letter to HRAO to enable HRAO to write a letter to the concerned authority regarding the grievance. He also said lot of development is going on Sambalpur and especially the development of **Maa Samaleswari Temple** was beyond their imagination. He also requested to tie-up with Brands which are used in Hotels consumption to get better discounts.

**Sri Sakya Singh Yadav, Jt. Secretary. (Bhubaneswar)** he thanked HRAO for giving an opportunity to participate in the International Millet Convention which was very successful.

**Md. Waishim Naiyar, Jt. Secretary (Keonjhar)** he requested Lifetime Chairman to hold a meeting at Joda and have a membership drive at Joda for more active participation of members from that area.

**Sri Milan Sahoo, EC Member** he requested for getting sponsorship for big Brands to carrying out meetings & get-together of HRAO. He also suggested that HRAO should have own office. Sri Pradip Senapati, Member also agreed that HRAO should own office with club facilities.

**Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Working President** informed the house Tourism Copnclave is regularly organized by HRAO which is helps in Tourism in the state. He also informed that HRAO organized the Food Festival in DOT Fest and organizing in Food Festival in International Millet Convention was the second opportunity, which HRAO executed very successfully. He suggested that HRAO organize International Food Festival in every year which will be very beneficial for members. He also suggested that those districts which are un-representated in HRAO special efforts should be made enroll members in those districts.

Lifetime Chairman requested to Secretary General to brief the members about activities carried out in collaboration with Odisha Millet Mission.

**Sri Milind Gupta, Secretary General, HRAO** informed the house that the collaboration with Millet Mission started before the Hockey World Cup and lot of Millet based snack items and standees were placed in collaboration with HRAO at prominent hotels in Bhubaneswar, Rourkela, Jharsuguda & Sambalpur. Also millet snacks were offered by hotels to the International Hockey Players & visitors during the world cup. Subsequent to this a training programs for Chefs were conducted at IHM, Bhubaneswar wherein Chefs of HRAO members of hotels participated to learn new recipes.

**HRAO was selected as Co-Anchor** along with Tourism Dept. for conducting a session on the challenges and the Road-map for making Millets more popular for consumption through their Restaurants. It was a very proud moment for HRAO as in this session **International repute Chef Mr. Vikas Khanna** agreed to be the Chief Guest and also interacted with all the members & Chefs of Hotels of HRAO who were present in the session.

The Secretary General confirmed the minutes of the last EC meeting, which was taken as confirmed by the members present.

**The Secretary General** submitted his report as follows ;

**Secretary General's Report** ;

Respected Lifetime Chairman, Advisor, Vice Chairmen, Working President & all members present here. I welcome all for the **31<sup>st</sup> EC Meeting** of our association for the year **2023-24**.

Our last **30<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting** was held on **22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2023** at **“Tampara Resort, Tampara** where we had invited by **Sri Umasankar Panigrahy**, Vice Chairman, HRAO & had a separate meeting also with Sri Chandrasekhar Sahu, Hon'ble M.P (Berhampur), Sri Bikram Kumar Panda, Hon'ble MLA (Berhampur), Sri Subash Ch. Behera, Hon'ble MLA (Chhatrapur) and other Govt. Officials of Ganjam District were present for development of tourism in Odisha. The minutes of the same had been mailed to all members & I take the minutes of the last EC as confirmed.

Lifetime Chairman has invited as one of the **Speaker for “Leaders of Tomorrow”** at **Hotel Pal Heights**, Bhubaneswar on **13<sup>th</sup> October, 2023** organized by Times Influence and presented by IDFC First Bank.

Also **Dr. J.K. Mohanty, Lifetime Chairman, HRAO** has invited by Food & Agricultural Dept., Govt. of Odisha as Speaker in **“International Convention of Millet Festival”** was held on **9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2023** at Janata Maidan, Bhubaneswar.

PPL/IPRS meeting was arranged by HRAO on 20.09.2023. Further we had asked for certain clarifications on the same from our parent body FHRAI, New Delhi. The clarifications received are as follows.

RMPL / IPRS are asking for charges on per room basis wherein TVs are installed. For displaying any program through TV sets in rooms in hotels, no license is required to be obtained or no charges to be paid to any copyright agency because all rates are included in the tariff paid to the service providers i.e. ; Cable TV connections. Hotels pay subscriptions fee to DTH or local cable operators, as fixed under the TRAI tariff order. No further charges are required beyond what is payable under the TRAI order. Demands by IPRS / RMPL, if any, must be directed towards the service providers i.e., DTH, Local Cable Operators etc.

If there is unnecessary harassment by any Sound Recording Companies, a Suit under Section-60 of the Copy Right Act, 1957 can be filed against **UNREGISTERED AGENCIES** and seek interim stay.

Section-60 of the Copyright Act provides protection to a person in case he / she is threatened by an owner of a copyright with respect to initiating legal proceedings in respect of an alleged infringement of the copyright and that person can seek an injunction against that threat.

Is there any clarity what functions are covered under Marriage ? Are religious functions like Mata Ki Chowki, Bhajan Sandhya etc., come under the category of religious functions or not which are re exempted from charges. ?

Section-52 (1) (za) of the Copyright Act 1957 provides an exemption on payment of royalty / license fees for Government events, all religious functions including marriage procession and other social festivities associated with a marriage. Therefore, no license is required to be obtained for a marriage function and other social festivities associated with a marriage. This is also applicable for religious functions such as Mata Ki Chowki, Bhajan Sandhya etc.

This was further clarified by the Public Notices issued by the Copyright Office dated 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and by DPIIT dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (copies are enclosed).

However, the members should ensure that all requisite documents and evidence such as wedding invite cards along with suitable declarations are obtained from guests before any wedding event is hosted in their premises.

Excise meeting was conducted on 01.11.2023 as physical & virtual and Memorandum submitted to Excise Department on 07.11.2023.

**Letters written to Govt. Officials from the O/o. of the Lifetime Chairman, HRAO ;**

1. Letter sent to Sri Pradeep Ku. Jena, IAS – Chief Secretary, Odisha – Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> State Tourism Promotion Council under Chairmanship of Hon’ble Chief Secretary as per new Tourism Policy-2022. (04.09.2023)
2. Letter sent to President, HRAEI, Kolkata – Request for HRAO suggestions (16.09.2023)

**Letters received from FHRAI & Govt. Letters circulated to members ;**

1. Sub : Instructions issued amending various provisions related to E-Visa (25.08.2023)
2. Sub : 67<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of FHRAI (16.09.2023)
3. Sub : Addendum to the Notice of 67<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (23.09.2023)
4. Sub : Mr. Pradeep Shetty elected as new President of FHRAI (29.09.2023)
5. Sub : Regarding details from Ministry of Tourism for Incredible India Wedding Campaign (16.10.2023)
6. Sub : Use of Fake Discount Cards of FHRAI (11.10.2023)
7. Sub : Travel for Life Case Study Competition – Tourism for Tomorrow (18.10.2023)
8. Sub : Participation of Odisha in WFI-2023 as Focus State – Letter received from MSME Dept., Govt. of Odisha (19.10.2023)
9. Sub : Invitation for Startup Conclave on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2023 at ICMR RMRC, Kalinga Hospital Square, Bhubaneswar received from UCCI (27.10.2023)
10. Received clarifications from FHRAI, New Delhi reg. PPL / IPRS matter on 02.11.2023)

11. Received from Odisha Tourism Reg. participation in IITM Pune & Hyderabad 24-26 Nov. and 1-3 Dec. 2023. (circulated on 10.11.2023)

**Sri Sujit Mohapatra, Treasurer** submitted his report as follows.

**Treasurer's Report ;**

<b>INCOME ;</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE ;</b>	
<b>From</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>
As on 17.11.2023	9,74,800.00	As on 17.11.2023	6,33,390.00
<b>PARTICULARS</b>		<b>AMOUNT (Rs.)</b>	
FD at Federal Bank with Interest			36,67,217.00
Cash Balance at Federal Bank			1,77,693.00
FD at State Bank of India with Interest			38,77,307.00
Cash Balance at State Bank of India			2,47,297.24
Petty Cash in Hand			1,000.00

The following 4 new members were approved for which inspection was done by the Inspection Committee on 11.11.2023.

<p><b>Mr. Suvendu Sekhar Mahapatra</b> Managing Partner <b>Hotel Vbrance</b> (A Unit of SS Consortium) Plot No. 172, Bankimuhan Near Youth Hostel, C.T. Road, Puri – 752 002 Tel. (06752) 228888 Mob. 9437032580 Email : <a href="mailto:reservations@vbrance.com">reservations@vbrance.com</a>, &amp; <a href="mailto:admin@vbrance.com">admin@vbrance.com</a></p>	<p><b>Mr. Dilip Choudhury</b> Managing Director <b>Koshal Hotels</b> (A Unit Management by Xenious) Near Baliapanda, Housing Board Colony, Puri – 752 001 Tel. (Mob.) 7205034222 GM– 9548136086 / Sales – 9090810220 Email : <a href="mailto:gm.xhkp@xenioushotels.com">gm.xhkp@xenioushotels.com</a></p>
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Membership of IDLI Bhawan, Patia was not approved by the Committee.



Lifetime Chairman then requested Sri Pradip Karar & his team come & give their presentation with regards to their Fair Media International Tourism Conclave (FMITC) is a 2 Day Business-to-Business convention curate to connect you to the Indian Travel Market. FMITC brings together key travel industry leaders and international exhibitors from various segments of MICE, Leisure, Corporate and Travel & Technology. Leverage on FMITC to capture the Fast growing Indian and South Asian Markets, forge new partnerships and strengthen existing business relations with the most important players in India.

Lifetime Chairman also requested all members to actively participate in this B2B Meeting and more than 100 Buyers from different parts of the country and other states will be coming to attend.

**Fairview Media Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata** is having 25 Stalls in the B2B meeting at Puri and they have agreed to provide stalls to HRAO members at special price Rs. 18,000/- including accommodation. For more details, please contact the following officials ;

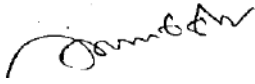
**Sri Pradip Kumar Karar, Chairperson & CEO** at Mob. 9830064527 & 6290549084 and Email IDs ; [itte.fairview2020@gmail.com](mailto:itte.fairview2020@gmail.com) / [director@itte-itc.com](mailto:director@itte-itc.com)

Also for brief details about this Conclave, leaflets are attached herewith for your kind information. (2 pages leaflets)

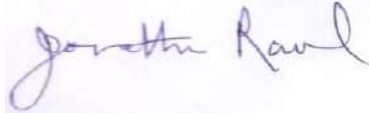
Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**HRAO** thanks for Dinner hosted by “**Fairview Media Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata**” and Cocktails hosted by **Sri Pradip Kumar Senapati**, Managing Director of Hotel Excellency, Bhubaneswar.

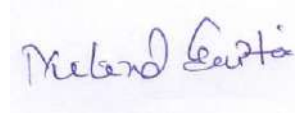
With regards,



**Dr. Srinibash Subudhi**  
Working President



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



**Milind Gupta**  
Secretary General





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**The Standard Package of Participation:** The Basic Scheme includes the following:

2 mt x 2 mt Octanorm, Coloured Fascia panel with Company's name in vinyl sticker, Carpet, Information counter (Table) with 2 chairs, Waste basket, 13amp/220V power point, Spot lights

(a) Standard Package: Lunch for two days and cocktail dinner on last day of event for 2 person Rate per 4 sqm : INR 18,000 + GST

(b) Executive Package: Accommodation of 2 person at the venue hotel with all food for two days. Rate per 4 sqm : INR 25,000 + GST

### Venue: Resort - Xenious Hermitage Koshal, Puri, Odisha

**The program schedule will be as follows:**

- Day 1: a) Inauguration Ceremony of FMITC & ITTE-Puri:  
Inaugurated by Mr. Aswini Kumar Patra, Tourism Minister (MOS), Odisha  
b) Speeches by Chief Guest & Guest of Honour
- Day 2: Part 1: Presentation by Participating States(s) & Outbound Tourism along with B2B meet after each session  
Part 2: Three Panel discussions followed by questionnaires  
Part 3: Felicitation of States, other participants and Guests.

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