

HOTEL & RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION OF ODISHA

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Minutes of “34th Executive Committee Meeting held at “Hotel Lucky International”, Balasore on 22.03.2025 at 4.00 pm



Members present ;

1. Dr. J.K. Mohanty, Lifetime Chairman
2. Sri AsishPalit, Vice Chairman
3. Sri Prasant Ku. Jena, Jt. Treasurer
4. Sri Satya Brata Swain, EC Member
5. Sri RabindraNathSahoo, EC Member
6. Sri Jayanta Kumar Panda, EC Member
7. Sri Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Vice Chairman
8. Sri Milind Gupta, Secretary General
9. Dr. SrinibashSubudhi, Working President
10. Sri Debasis Das, EC Member
11. Sri Sangram Ku. Das, Joint Secretary
12. Sri Rabi Narayan Sahoo, Member
13. Sri Pravudutta Subudhi, Member
14. Md. WashimNaiyar, Joint Secretary
15. Sri Sakya Singh, Joint Secretary
16. Sri Siba Prasad Mohanty, Joint Secretary
17. Sri NarottamMohanty, EC Member
18. Sri Jubula Ku. Jethi, EC Member
19. Sri Sarosh Bodhanwalla, Vice Chairman
20. Sri Milan Kumar Sahoo, EC Member
21. Sri Jonathan Raul, Vice Chairman (Hq)
22. Sri Prasanta Kumar Tripathy, EC Member

23. Sri Sujit Kumar Mohapatra, Treasurer
24. Sri Uma Panigrahy, Vice Chairman
25. Sri Gunjan Poddar, EC Member
26. Sri Anupam Juneja, EC Member
27. Sri Dipak S. Rathor, Advisor
28. Sri Bhabani Sankar Tripathy, EC Member
29. Sri Biswajit Pramanik, EC Member

Meeting was presided over by Lifetime Chairman, Dr. J.K. Mohanty.

Agenda No. 1 (Welcome address by Sri Sarosh Bodhanwalla)

Sri Sarosh Bodhanwalla, Vice Chairman HRAO welcomed all members to the 34th EC Meeting held in Balasore. He informed Balasore hoteliers are overwhelmed by the gesture and this will help in improving tourism in Balasore.

Sri Bodhanwalla informed that there are many popular tourist places in Balasore which need massive infrastructure development and campaign to attract tourists across the world. They will submit a detail list of problems being faced and steps required to develop tourism infrastructure in Balasore District and requested HRAO to take up the matter with the Tourism Department.

Agenda No. 2 (Confirmation of last 33rd EC Minutes)

Sri Milind Gupta, Secretary General read out last 33rd EC Minutes before house & the house confirmed the same.

Agenda No. 3 (Purchase of Water Bottle in Hotels)

The matter was discussed in detail by the members present and it was resolved that a Restaurant or a hotel cannot compel a customer to buy water bottle. He has to provide free drinking water. Cases were filed in Sambalpur for selling water above MRP and the adverse verdict by the local court was turned down by the state forum in lieu of the Supreme Court verdict. (Attached MRP Judgement on Water dt. 12.12.2017)

Agenda No. 4 (Industrial Tariff on Electricity Charges)

Lifetime Chairman said that it was discussed with Secretary Tourism earlier. Also a Memorandum has been submitted on 21.02.2025 to Dr. Arvind Virmani, Hon'ble Member of NITI Aayog on this matter. But TATA Power wants money & that decision has not yet been taken till now by the government & we should wait.

Agenda No. 5 (Managing Staff in small hotels guidelines for NOC)

This is an issue being faced by the industry and all members. In some cities and towns the members have come together and have discussed among themselves to maintain certain decorum in this regard. After deliberations between members present it was concluded that member hotels should not hire staff without proper NOC from previous organization. Members are requested to intimate HRAO regarding their staff leaving their units without notices with their photos CVs for other members' awareness.

Agenda No. 6 (Secretary General's Report)

Sri Milind Gupta, Secretary General read-out about his report for members information. (Report attached)

Also he requested all members to join the FOSTAC Training (Food Safety Training & Certification) at Mayfair Lagoon on 27.03.2025 organized by "HRAEI", Kolkata. (Mail circulated to all members on 19.03.2025)

Agenda No. 6 (Treasurer's Report)

Sri Prasant Kumar Jena, Joint Treasurer was read about the Treasurer's Report for Members information as follows.

1. This financial year 2024-25 Members Subscription Fees crossed 90%.
2. Rs. 1,40,000/- has gained HRAO towards Ekamra Food Fest-2025.
3. Total Bank deposits Fixed Deposit & Current Account Rs. 1,12,70,000/-
4. A new Bank A/c. will be opened at HDFC Bank shortly.

Agenda No. 7 (Address by all Vice Chairmen of their respective zones)

Sri Asish Palit, Vice Chairman expressed his views that there is no tourist officer available in Jharsuguda district. He request HRAO to take up this matter on priority for appointment of a Tourist Officer or Dy Director (Tourism) to facilitate necessary information about the tourist spots at Jharsuguda & Odisha as well.

Sri Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Vice Chairman informed that Fatehpur Ram Mandir 60 kms from Bhubaneswar & Vaishno Devi Temple are very good new tourist spots to this District which needs to be highlighted by Tourism Department.

Sri Uma Sankar Panigrahy, Vice Chairman briefed that from Icchapuram to Tampararing road needs to be developed by Tourism Department. It is a matter of pride for Odisha that Deomali in Koraput district has become a popular filming location for its stunning natural beauty and diverse landscape attracting major production houses and filmmakers. The stunning natural beauty and diverse landscape

Southern Regional Chefs Training Program going to be held on 24.03.2025 at “Tampara Resorts”.

Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Working President said that BMC is going to hike Holding Tax User Fee from 2025. So, I request HRAO to give a protest letter against the hike rates. Also he said Balasore Hoteliers should meet their Local Authority for land bank matter.

Sri Jayant Kumar Panda, VP – Empires Hotels Group informed the house that different Copyright Society Agencies roaming in Odisha to harass the hotels & insisting to pay their license fees which needs to be sorted out. He was informed that this is an individual matter and broad guidelines have been shared by the association in this regard.

On this matter, Lifetime Chairman said that FHRAI & HAI had spent huge amount to fight against this Legally & has not yielded any positive outcome.

Md. Washim Naiyar expressed his view that HRAO Family Picnics to be conducted out of Bhubaneswar. Also he suggested that “**Young HRAO Group**” to be opened. The House agreed with this and pleased to form a young HRAO group .

Finally, Lifetime Chairman briefed the house that HRAO will meet Dy. CM (Tourism) to conduct “**Tourism Conclave**” in Bhubaneswar and also a reminder has been sent for formation of tourism policy. He also requested all members to make the association more stronger. He also informed the house that a Core Committee meeting will be called shortly to discuss on the issues of Balasore District.

Following new members applications were approved ;

1. Mr. Akash Kumar Mahanta, Director - Hotel King’s Court, Patia, Bhubaneswar - 13 Rooms (Proposed by Mr. Jonathan Raul, VC & Seconded by Dr. SrinibashSubudhi, Working President)
2. Mrs. Mumtaz Begum, Proprietor - Hotel Nayagarh Palace, Nayagarh - 22 Rooms (Proposed by Mr. Bijay Ku. Patra, Hotel Trinath, Nayagarh& Seconded by Dr. SrinibashSubudhi, Working President)
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Sahoo, EC Member)

Meeting summing up & vote of thanks delivered by Sri Dipak S. Rathor, He conveyed thanks & gratitude to everyone for attending this meeting & sharing their good suggestions & views on Tourism & Hospitality sector. Also he expressed his special thanks to Sri Sarosh Bodhanwalla, Sri Sangram Das & Sri Debasis Das for organizing such good gathering of Balasore hoteliers as well as EC Members.

With kind regards,



Dr. Srinibash Subudhi
Working President



Jonathan Raul
Vice Chairman (Hd.Qrs.)

Milind Gupta
Secretary General

N.B. : After the EC meeting, a Press Meet was conducted by Balasore Hotel Association with HRAO, which was a memorable & grand success for boosting tourism potential in Balasore District as well as tourism scenario in Odisha.

Secretary General's Report

34th EC Meeting held on 22.03.2025 at "Hotel Lucky International", Balasore

Jai Jagannath

A warm welcome to all the members in the **34thEC Meeting**. A big thank you to all the members for turning up in such large numbers from across the state and also to our Lifetime Chairman for sparing his valuable time and travelling all the way to attend this meeting.

The Core Committee met 5 times and the decisions taken in the committee are as follows.

Core Committee Meetings	Decisions were taken
Meeting held on 22.10.2024	Fire NOC – A committee consisting of Sri Dipak S. Rathor, Dr. S. Subudhi, Sri TariniMoanty, Sri Raj Kishore Patra, Sri Rabi Sahoo & Sri Milind Gupta was formed. It was decided give a letter to Excise Minister requesting for his help for obtaining Fire NOC. Additional Bar Fees being charged letter issued to concerned officials. Query regarding legal cell .Legal Cell already existed in HRAO Committees. Direct Membership for FHRAI, New Delhi – Already given Past President, FHRAI on 04.09.2024 &also given to Mr. K. Shyama Raju, President, Elect, FHRAI, New Delhi on 16.11.2024.
Meeting held on 02.12.2024	Proposed Amendment in the Odisha Tourism Policy-2022 was submitted to Sri Balwant Singh, IAS – Comm-cum-Secy. (Tourism) on 03.12.2024
Meeting held on 20.12.2024	Discussion on Ekamra Food Fest-2025 (5 th – 16 th Jan. 2025) by BDA at Exhibition Ground, Bhubaneswar - 14 Stalls given to HRAO Discussion on Patha Utsav Event on 22 nd Dec. 2024 – organized by BMC Discussion on Utkarsh Odisha from 28 th – 31 st Jan. 2025 at Janata Maidan on the eve of Prabasi Odia Divas - 5 Stalls given to HRAO – Organised by OTDC.
Meeting held on 05.02.2025	Review of Action Taken issues & suggestions of members during 33 rd EC Meeting-cum-35 th AGM held at Jharsuguda. Discussion on HRAO Family Picnic going to be held on

	23.02.2025 at Pati Sunapur Eco-Retreat (Ganjam District) was grand success.
Meeting held on 16.03.2025	Preparatory arrangements for 34 th Executive Committee meeting going to be held at Balasore on 22.03.2025.

The Chefs Training Program on Millet Receipes was conducted by Shree Anna Abhuyan (formerly known as Odisha Millet Mission) was grand success on 15.02.2025 at “Hotel Barjorjis Banjara”, Balasore and on 24th& 25.02.2025 at “Hotel The Grand Siba”, Sambalpur with the support of HRAO Member Hoteliers & their management.

Also another Southern Region Chefs Training Program is going to be held on 24.03.2025 at “TamparaResrot”, Tampara. Hope all Southern HRAO Member Hoteliers will take maximum advantage of such programs.

Our Lifetime Chairman has submitted Memorandum to Dr. Arvind Virmani, Hon’ble Member of NITI Aayog visiting Odisha – Secretary General & Vice Chairman (Hq) attended the meeting with him at IDCO towers on 21.02.2025 on behalf of HRAO and submitted a memorandum.

Following Hotels & Restaurants were inspected for approval in this meeting.

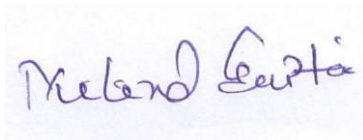
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We would request all members to help in membership drive by adding New members, to strengthen our association.

HRAO is an association of members and all members are equally important and equal respect is accorded to all members.

We look forward to all members working together in making HRAO a much more stronger organization and to achieve the dreams & vision of our Lifetime Chairman in taking Odisha to the No.1 spot in the tourism map of India.

Bande utkal janani



Milind Gupta
Secretary General