

## **Minutes of the 35th Executive Committee & 36th Annual General Meeting-cum-Election**

**Date & Time:** 24th September 2025, 5.00 PM **Venue:** Hotel Swosti Premium, Bhubaneswar



The meeting was presided over by **Lifetime Chairman, Dr. J.K. Mohanty**.

### **Silent Prayer**

The house observed a one-minute silent prayer in memory of the following departed members:

- Late Sri Sankaracharya Pradhan, Vice Chairman (Angul)
- Late Sri Priyanath Behera, VP-cum-CFO (Swosti Group) & EC Member
- Late Sri Sadashiv Maharana, Managing Director, Hotel Neeladri, Cuttack

### **Welcome Address by Dr. Srinibash Subudhi, Working President**

Dr. Subudhi welcomed all members present, both on and off the dais, to the **35th EC & 36th AGM-cum-Election** and highlighted that the **Hotel & Restaurant Association of Odisha (HRAO)** has completed 40 years since its inception, founded by a small group of visionary hoteliers committed to promoting and protecting the interests of the industry.

He expressed his gratitude to: Lifetime Chairman, Advisor Sri Dipak S. Rathor, and past stalwarts Late Jagadish Patnaik, Late Ladu Gopal Patra, Late Sankaracharya Pradhan, Late Samir Kumar, Late Jitu Patnaik, Late Sadashiv Maharana, and others for their contribution.

Dr. Subudhi Proposed a **standing ovation** in honor of the Lifetime Chairman and members who strengthened HRAO and outlined association's achievements such as: contribution to the new Tourism Policy, supporting pandemic recovery, promoting International Food Festivals & the Millet Mission to showcase Odisha globally. He also shared HRAO's vision **for the next 10 years**, including highlights of the **6th Odisha Tourism Conclave 2025**.

Before concluding his speech he informed all members that due to health issue Sri Dipak S Rathor, Advisor, HRAO could not attend this meeting and conveyed his message to the members where Sri Rathor urged the younger generation to actively engage in HRAO's day to day activities.

**Confirmation of last 34<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting & 35<sup>th</sup> AGM minutes :**

Minutes of the 34<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting & 35<sup>th</sup> AGM were read and unanimously approved.

**Addresses by Vice Chairmen, Mr. Jonathan Raul**

He congratulated new members and thanked District Vice Chairmen and Joint Secretaries for their support in the membership drive. Mr. Raul highlighted HRAO's role in liaising with government agencies on members' issues on the matters of electricity tariff, ground water, fire licence, road connectivity and other infrastructure developments relating to hospitality and tourism sector of Odisha.

**Address by Mr. Raj Kishore Patra, Vice Chairman ;**

In his speech Mr. Patra emphasized on development & encroachment of internal roads connecting to Temple. He expressed that Puri needs world-class infrastructure including more Star Category Rooms, Museum, Theatre & Marine Aquarium. He proposed a prepaid taxi and auto service system for pilgrims visiting Puri.

**Address by Mr. Ashish Palit, Vice Chairman ;**

During his address he reported progress in membership drive across Western Odisha since 2022. He also informed that Hirakud Dam has been declared a tourist destination by the Government. He also urged for identification and development of more unexplored tourist destinations at Balangir and Jharsuguda to promote tourism in Western Odisha.

**Address by Mr. Umasankar Panigrahy, Vice Chairman ;**

Mr. Panigrahy in his speech shared that on behalf of Ganjam District Hotel Association they had submitted 16 proposals to the Office of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister (Tourism) towards development of tourism in that area out of which four proposals like development of road from Gopalpur to Pati-Sonapur, Park at Gopalpur etc., have been sanctioned by the Government. He wanted the Gopalpur Beach should be developed as a blue flag beach to attract tourists.

**Address by Mr. Sarosh Bodhanwalla, Vice Chairman ;**

He expressed his gratitude to the Lifetime Chairman and HRAO members for their support in celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Balasore Hotel Association. He also emphasized on the infrastructure development at Chandipur Beach. He informed in the meeting that a good quality resort with amusement Water Park has been developed by the name and style "Padmabati Amusement Water Park and Resorts" which has become a tourist attraction and also welcomed Padmabati Amusement Water Park & Resorts, Balasore to the HRAO family.

**Address by Mr. Tarini Prasant Mohanty, (Bhubaneswar), Vice Chairman ;**

Highlighted HRAO's initiative for making Odisha as a **21 Night Destination** covering all districts of Odisha. He also informed that around 4 districts remain outside HRAO's membership fold which has to be brought in.

**Secretary General's Report ; (Attached)**

Mr. Milind Gupta, Secretary General presented his report which is attached herewith for information of all members.

**Treasurer's Report ; (Attached)**

Mr. Sujit Kumar Mohapatra, Treasurer presented his report which is attached herewith for information of all members.

**Approval of New Members Applications ;**

1. Padmabati Amusement Water Park & Resort, Balasore
2. Shree Mahasuara Palace, Puri
3. Hotel White Sands, Puri
4. Mahasuara King's Tower, Puri
5. Hotel Blue Waves, Puri
6. Lemon Tree Hotel (A Unit of Hotel Rashmi Plaza Pvt. Ltd.), Bhubaneswar
7. Hotel Royale Inn, Sambalpur

The above mentioned members have already been approved in this AGM.

**Resolutions :**

1. Mr. Milind Gupta, Secretary General proposed the Annual Membership Subscription fees to be increased from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 6,000/- for General Members. For Star Category subscription fees will be decided by the next Core Committee meeting.
2. HRAO Card will not be issued to those members who are not honoring HRAO members.
3. Lifetime Chairman may be authorized by the AGM to nominate all vacant Office Bearers & Executive Committee Members covering all the district of Odisha.

All proposed resolutions were resolved unanimously.

**Vote-of Thanks and Address by Lifetime Chairman Dr. J K Mohanty**

Chairman congratulated all Members, Vice Chairmen, Working President and Joint Secretary for their valuable suggestions during the AGM, which will serve as the agenda for the Association's future action plan

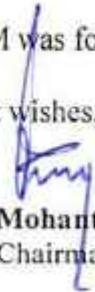
He expressed that every member gave suggestions for improving the tourist infrastructure of their respective areas to boost tourism.

Chairman also thanked to Mr. Milind Gupta, Secretary General for passing on timely information to members, to Mr. Jonathan Raul for his untiring efforts in pushing the membership of HRAO, to Joint Treasurer Sri Prasant Jena for putting in his best efforts in maintaining proper accounts of the Association and Treasurer Sri Sujit Mohapatra for maintaining the banking records and collection of membership fees on time.

Chairman expressed happiness that 80% of the members had cleared their membership dues. Chairman also thanked all members for making the last Odisha Tourism Conclave a very successful by contributing their valuable suggestions which would be printed and submitted to the Government as recommendations of the Association.

The AGM was followed by cocktail dinner.

With best wishes,

  
**Dr. J.K. Mohanty**  
Lifetime Chairman

**Enclosures :**

1. Secretary General's Report
2. Treasurer's Report

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## Secretary General's Report

**36<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 24.09.2025 at "Hotel Swosti Premium", Bhubaneswar"**

### *Jai Jagannath*

Last year's 35<sup>th</sup> AGM was held on 19.09.2024 at "The Orchard", Jharsuguda we thank all the members who participated in large numbers to make the event a grand success.

Once again a warm welcome to all the members to the 36<sup>th</sup> AGM being held today at the city of temples Bhubaneswar. 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 to attend this meeting.

The associatio is the voice of the hospitality sector not only in the state of ODISHA but also at the National & international level. Our Lifetime Chairman has been crusading for Devlopment of ODISHA as a Top tourist destination of the country and have been tirelessly working with the Government both at the state and the centre .

We have conducted a lot of activities during the entire year which I am listing out once again.

HRAO members were given an opportunity to participate with 7 Nos. Stalls at "Prabasi Bharatiya Divas" held from 8 – 12 January, 2025 at Janata Maidan, Bhubenswar - Organised by BDA, Govt. of Odisha. All members who participated did a good business.

Also HRAO members participated with 14 Nos. Stalls at "Ekamra Food Festival" from 5 – 16 January, 2025 held at Exhibition Ground", Bhubaneswar - Organised by BDA, Govt. of Odisha which was a great success for the participating members.

HRAO members also participated with 8 Nos. Food Stalls at "11<sup>th</sup> National Handloom Day-2025" held from 7 – 13<sup>th</sup> july 2025 at Janata Maidan, Bhubaneswar – Organised by "Handloom & Textiles Dept., Govt. of Odisha & Ministry of Handloom, Govt. of India.

The following meetings were held.

34<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting was held on 22.03.2025 at “Hotel Lucky International”, Balasore.

Meeting with DG (Fire) on 07.05.2025 at OFDRA, Bhubaneswar at 4.00 pm.

Regional Level Millet Recipe Training program was held on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025 at “Hotel Barjorjis Banjara”, Balasore – Organised by “Shree Anna Abhiyaan” (Formerly Odisha Millet Mission), Govt. of Odisha.

Western Odisha Millet Training Program was held on 24/25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2025 at “Hotel The Grand Siba”, Sambalpur – Organised by “Shree Anna Abhiyaan” (Formerly Odisha Millet Mission), Govt. of Odisha.

Southern Odisha Millet Training Program was held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at “Tampara Resorts”, Tampara - Organised by “Shree Anna Abhiyaan” (Formerly Odisha Millet Mission), Govt. of Odisha

**The Core Committee met 10 times and the decisions taken in the committee are as follows.**

<b>Core Committee Meetings</b>	<b>Decisions were taken</b>
Meeting held on 22.10.2024	It was decided to give a letter to Excise Minister requesting for his help for obtaining Fire NOC for all license holders, the same will be prepared and shared to all members. Approved for purchase of new Computer System for HRAO Office. It was also decided that HRAO will continue its Association with Times of India for the Hospitality Awards in all future editions. No personal matters will be posted in Face Book and Official WhatsApp Group of HRAO.
Meeting held on 05.02.2025	Mr. Sumeet Das, EC Member, Bargarh requested for making video presentation highlighting various tourism potentials of the state. HRAO has written to the Hon'ble Dy. CM (Tourism) & Secretary Tourism for the same.

	<p><b>Mr. J.P.N. Purohit</b>, Member, Balangir had raised the issue of no progress on the DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM in Balangir. We have given representation to Dept. of Tourism &amp; Miister of Tourism, Govt. of Odisha to develop the tourism spots of Western Odisha.</p> <p>However, it would be very nice, if a specific to the point presentation is given to us for the development of Tourism offerings in Western Odisha then the same can be given by us to the Department for necessary action &amp; development.</p> <p>It was also discussed that Members should be urged to participate in large numbers for attending various meetings from time to time.</p>
Meeting held on 16.03.2025	<p>Preparatory meeting for 34<sup>th</sup> EC was held at Balasore.</p> <p>It was observed that some of the EC Members are not attending the EC Meetings.</p> <p>It was decided that as per our Bye-Law those members who miss 3 meetings will be replaced by other interested members of the Association.</p>
Meeting held on 07.04.2025	<p>This meeting was called by Sri Balwant Singh, IAS – Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Tourism) on 07.4.2025 second round discussion on the upcoming Tourism Policy-2022 at Paryatan Bhawan, Conference Hall.</p> <p>He also informed that the State Tourism Advisory Board will be re-constituted very shortly.</p> <p>He also informed that the Dept. Tourism is considering the proposal of establishing the VISA approval centre in the city, which will be subsidized by the Dept. and the people from Odisha will not have to run to other states for VISA approvals. HRAO welcomed the proposal.</p>
Meeting held on 01.05.2025	Preparatory meeting held for 6 <sup>th</sup> Odisha Tourism Conclave-2025.
Meeting held on 28.05.2025	Agenda meeting held for 6 <sup>th</sup> Odisha Tourism Conclave-2025
Meeting held on 06.06.2025	Responsibilities of Organising for 6 <sup>th</sup> Odisha Tourism Conclave-2025
Meeting held on 25.07.2025	Discussion on 40 <sup>th</sup> Year of Celebration & Family Get-together. AGM & Election matter along with Balance Sheet FY 2024-25
Meeting held on 02.09.2025	Preparatory meeting for 35 <sup>th</sup> EC & 36 <sup>th</sup> AGM-cum-Election was fixed on 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2025

	40 <sup>th</sup> Year of Celebration will be held in later January, 2026 or early February, 2026 at Konark Eco-Retreat & Lotus Resorts. A token sum of Rs. 2,000/- as contribution towards confirmation of participation with family.
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It is a matter great pride & honour that our Association has received the Certificate of Registration with the Registrar of Societies. This was possible due the efforts put in by Mr. Jonathan Raul, Vice Chairman (Hq.)

**Invitation from IPICOL** ; Groundbreaking Ceremony Celebrating Odisha's Industrial Growth on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2025. In this regard, our Lifetime Chairman, Dr. J.K. Mohanty, Vice Chairman (Hq), Sri Jonathan Raul, Sri Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Vice Chairman & Sri Prasant Ku. Jena, Jt. Treasurer had attended the meeting.

Invitation from H&UD Department ; Stakeholders Consultation Meeting on Bhubaneswar-Cuttack-Puri-Paradip Economic Region (BCPPER). In this regard, Lifetime Chairman Dr JK Mohanty & Sri Milind Gupta, Secretary General represented the association.

Following new members were joined in HRAO Family since 25.09.2025 till date ;

1.	Hotel King's Court, Bhubaneswar
2.	Hotel Nayagarh Palace, Nayagarh
3.	Hotel Taj Hub, Nayagarh
4.	Satyabhama Inn, Berhampur
5.	Green Chillyz Café & Catering, Berhampur
6.	Hotel SJ Pride, Bhubaneswar
7.	SJ Agro Farm & Retreat, Khordha
8.	Hotel Shining Inn, Khordha Bypass

Following members were proposed in this 35<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting being held on 24.9.25;

1.	Padmabati Amusement Water Park & Resort, Balasore - Approved
2.	Shree Mahasuara Palace, Puri - Approved
3.	Hotel White Sands, Puri - Approved
4.	Mahasuara King's Tower, Puri - Approved
5.	Hotel Blue Waves, Puri - Approved
6.	Lemon Tree Hotel (A Unit of Hotel Rashmi Plaza Pvt. Ltd.), Bhubaneswar inspected on 17.09.2025) - Approved

2.	Following Hotels were inspected on 20.09.2025 ; Hotel Royale Inn, Sambalpur - Approved Hotel Sai Krupa, Sambalpur & River Inn Resorts, Sambalpur
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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 stronger organization and to achieve the dreams & vision of our Lifetime Chairman in taking Odisha to the No.1 spot on the tourism map of India.

***Bande utkal janani***



**Milind Gupta**  
Secretary General

**Treasurer's Report**  
**36<sup>th</sup> AGM-cum-Election on 24.09.2025**

**INCOME ;**

**EXPENDITURE ;**

<b>From</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2025 till 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2025	20,91,540.00	1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2025 till 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2025	21,74,257.00
<b><u>Others Income :</u></b>			
6th OTC Members Contributon	3,61,000.00		
Indian Tourism, Kolkata	5,00,000.00		
Odisha Tourism Dept.	5,00,000.00		
TFCI, New Delhi	50,000.00		
Voltas	2,50,000.00		
Prabat Engineering	75,000.00		
Vikas Eco Resort	35,000.00		
Sri Asit Palit, Jharsuguda	50,000.00		
8 Nos. Stalls at 11 <sup>th</sup> National Handloom Food Court	2,40,000.00		
<b>Grand Total Rs.</b>	<b>20,61,000.00</b>	<b>Grand Total Rs.</b>	<b>21,74,257.00</b>

**Our Banks Details**

<b>PARTICULARS</b>	<b>AMOUNT (Rs.)</b>
Fixed Deposit at Federal Bank	39,45,677.00
Cash at Federal Bank	1,47,995.21
Fixed Deposit at State Bank of India	72,11,091.00
Cash at State Bank of India	20,91,540.00
Cash in Hand	2,000.00

**Total No. of Members = 318**

<b>Paid Members = 198</b>	<b>Unpaid Members = 120</b>
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