

Minutes of the “37th Executive Committee Meeting” held at “Hotel The Grand Siba” (Aurum Hall), Sambalpur on 01.08.2026 at 6.00 pm.



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

Welcome address by Sri Sila Siba Prasad, Jt. Secretary, HRAO ;

Sri Sila Siba Prasad, Joint Secretary, HRAO, delivered the welcome address and extended a warm welcome to all the Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members.

He highlighted that the undivided Sambalpur region comprises the districts of Sambalpur, Bargarh, Deogarh and Balangir, each possessing immense tourism and hospitality potential. He stated that the hospitality industry plays a vital role in generating employment and contributing significantly to both the State and National economy.

He expressed his sincere gratitude to the HRAO Office Bearers for devoting their valuable time and efforts towards the growth and development of the hospitality industry in Odisha. He emphasized that HRAO is not confined to Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Puri, but represents the interests of the hospitality sector across the entire State, including Western Odisha. He urged all members to actively contribute their time and support to further strengthen the Association. He appreciated the initiatives of the Government of Odisha in promoting tourism and infrastructure development in Western Odisha, particularly around the Hirakud Dam and other emerging destinations.

He concluded by expressing his gratitude to the Chairman and his team for visiting Sambalpur on the occasion of "Sambalpur Day" and for their continued support towards the development of tourism and hospitality in the region.

Suggestion & address by ; Sri Ashis Palit, Vice Chairman (Jharsuguda), HRAO ;

Sri Ashis Palit, Vice Chairman (Jharsuguda), HRAO, emphasized the need for the Government to post a Deputy Director of Tourism in Western Odisha to ensure focused planning, effective coordination and accelerated tourism development in the region.

He stressed the importance of creating greater awareness about the Association's objectives, initiatives and contributions towards the development of the hospitality and tourism industry across Odisha. He further emphasized the need to strengthen HRAO's presence and engagement in Western Odisha so that members clearly understand the value and services provided by the Association.

Suggestion & address by ; Sri Tarini Prasad Mohanty (Bhubaneswar), Vice Chairman, HRAO ;

Sri Tarini Prasad Mohanty, Vice Chairman (Bhubaneswar), HRAO, stated that HRAO has been rendering dedicated service to the hospitality and tourism industry of Odisha for the past four decades with commitment and sincerity. He informed the members that the **7th Odisha Tourism Conclave** is proposed to be held in **October 2026** and sought the wholehearted support and cooperation of all members to make the event a grand success. He also expressed his sincere appreciation to **Mr. Jonathan Raul, Mr. Milan Kumar Sahoo, and Mr. Sujit Kumar Mohapatra** for their outstanding efforts in successfully carrying out the HRAO membership drive and strengthening the Association by enrolling new members.

Suggestion & address by ; Sri Sarosh Bodhanwalla (Balasore), Vice Chairman, HRAO ;

Sri Sarosh Bodhanwalla, Vice Chairman (Balasore), HRAO, highlighted the proactive role played by HRAO in successfully resolving several issues affecting the hospitality industry, including matters relating to the supply of LPG gas cylinders and other operational challenges faced by members.

He expressed his sincere appreciation to **Sri Balwant Singh, IAS, Secretary, Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha**, for his proactive approach and continued support in facilitating the implementation of the Single Window Clearance system, which has greatly benefited the tourism and hospitality sector in the State.

Suggestion & address by ; Sri Milan Kumar Sahoo (Bhubaneswar), Vice Chairman, HRAO ;

Sri Milan Kumar Sahoo, Vice Chairman (Bhubaneswar), HRAO, stated in his characteristic style that an Association can be strengthened only through "**Tan, Man & Dhan**" (dedication, commitment and financial support). He remarked that it is this collective spirit that has enabled HRAO to grow from a modest beginning of **six members** to nearly **400 members** today. He also highlighted the guidance and initiatives of the Chairman in assisting members on various industry-related issues, particularly in facilitating access to bank finance and supporting hospitality projects.

Secretary General's Report – By Sri Dhiman Mazumdar ;

He welcomed all the Dignitaries on the dais & off the dais for attending this 37th EC Meeting. He read out his report which is enclosed herewith for information of all members. (Attached)

He also presented the applications for new membership before the House for approval. The House considered and unanimously approved the following applications:

1. The Marwar, Cuttack
2. The Lord of the Drinks (Restaurant), Bhubaneswar
3. Lemon Tree Hotel, Bhubaneswar
4. Hotel Rumani, Puri
5. Reba Beach Resort, Puri
6. Hotel Janaki Pride, Puri
7. Twice Happy Eco-Resort, Chandragiri (Gajapati)
8. Prasad Triveni Resorts, Rayagada

Treasurer's Report – By Sri Sujit Kumar Mohapatra ;

Sri Sujit Kumar Mohapatra, Treasurer, HRAO, presented the Treasurer's Report and apprised the House of the Association's financial position, including details of its bank accounts and other financial matters. The said report is enclosed herewith for the information and record of all members (Attached)

OPEN HOUSE DISCUSSION

1. **Sri Rabi Ranjan Pujari, Joint Secretary (Balangir), HRAO ;**

Sri Rabi Ranjan Pujari, Joint Secretary (Balangir), HRAO, suggested that HRAO compile a comprehensive list of tourism destinations and attractions from all districts of Odisha and submit the same to the Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha, for wider promotion and awareness. He emphasized that such an initiative would help showcase the tourism potential of every district and contribute to balanced tourism development across the State.

2. **Sri Kshirod Kumar Sahu, EC Member (Rourkela), HRAO ;**

Sri Kshirod Kumar Sahu, EC Member (Rourkela), HRAO, expressed concern over the growing trend of hospitality employees leaving their present employers without obtaining proper clearance before joining other hotels, resulting in operational challenges for the industry.

He also requested that greater attention be given to the development and promotion of tourist attractions in and around Rourkela. Further, he suggested that training programmes be organized for hotel managers to enhance their managerial and professional skills.

In response, the Chairman, HRAO, requested Mr. Sahu to submit all his suggestions and grievances in writing so that the Association could take up the matter with the Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha, for appropriate action. The Chairman also assured that HRAO would pursue the issues relating to the promotion of Rourkela through digital marketing and other suitable initiatives.

3. **Sri Nishanta Kumar Mohanty, Hotel Progress Inn, Sonepur (Non-Member) ;**

Sri Nishanta Kumar Mohanty, representing Hotel Progress Inn, Sonepur (Non-Member), requested HRAO to organize training programmes for hotel staff to enhance service quality and professional skills in the hospitality sector.

He also expressed concern over instances of alleged police harassment faced by hotels and requested HRAO to take up the matter with the appropriate authorities.

In response, the Chairman, HRAO, advised Mr. Mohanty to submit the details of his grievances in writing so that the Association could examine the matter and take it up with the Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha, and other concerned authorities for appropriate redressal.

4. **Sri Lotus Sarangi, Hotel SJ Regency, Balangir (Non-Member) ;**

Sri Lotus Sarangi, representing Hotel SJ Regency, Balangir (Non-Member), requested HRAO to facilitate the placement of trained hospitality professionals in hotels located in Balangir. He also suggested that the Association coordinate skill development and training initiatives to ensure the availability of qualified manpower for the hospitality industry in the region.

5. **Sri Gopal Chandra Negi, Hotel Moon, Sonepur (Non-Member) ;**

He requested HRAO to interaction with GST & IT

Address by Chairman – Dr. J.K. Mohanty ;

Dr. J.K. Mohanty, Chairman, HRAO, addressed the House and briefed the members on various initiatives undertaken by the Association for the development of the tourism and hospitality industry in Odisha.

He informed the members that HRAO had been consistently pursuing the implementation of the **Single Window Clearance** system for tourism and hospitality projects for several years. Although the policy had been formulated earlier, its implementation remained pending for a long time. He expressed his sincere appreciation to **Sri Balwant Singh, IAS, Secretary, Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha**, for taking proactive steps towards its implementation and for organizing a Bankers' Meet with hoteliers to facilitate easier access to institutional finance for tourism and hospitality projects.

The Chairman also informed the House that HRAO successfully celebrated its **40th Foundation Day** on **1st March, 2026** at **Hotel Holiday Resort, Puri**, where veteran members of the Association were felicitated in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the growth of the hospitality industry in Odisha.

Speaking on tourism development, he observed that despite Odisha's immense tourism potential, the State has yet to fully realise its tourist arrival targets. He emphasized the need to develop world-class tourism attractions and experience-based destinations. In this context, he suggested that the Government may consider establishing a mega international-standard theme park in Puri, similar to **Disney World or Universal Studio in USA**, to significantly enhance tourist footfall and position Odisha as a premier global tourism destination.

He informed the members that as per the **Odisha Tourism Statistical Bulletin-2024**, the State received **1.10 crore domestic tourists and 53,392 foreign tourists during 2024**. He observed that the shortage of quality hotel accommodation remains a major challenge, particularly outside Bhubaneswar and Puri, and emphasized the need for additional star category hotels across the State.

The Chairman express HRAO's appreciation to the Government of Odisha for introducing the **Odisha Tourism (Amendment) Policy-2026**, noting that several recommendations submitted by HRAO, including special incentives for Western Odisha, promotion of Odia Cuisine and tourism infrastructure development have been incorporated into the policy. He, however, stressed the need for a time-bound implementation roadmap with regular monitoring through the Tourism Advisory Committee and the State Tourism Promotion Council meetings.

He also highlighted HRAO's key recommendations, including improving international and domestic air connectivity, strengthening tourism infrastructure, development integrated tourism circuits, promoting Odisha aggressively in international markets, simplifying investment approvals through an effective Single Window Clearance System, and exploring the establishment of a world-class mega tourism project to attract large-scale investment, employment and tourism growth.

The Chairman laid special emphasis on the untapped tourism potential of Western Odisha and recommended the development of an integrated Spiritual Heritage and Eco-Tourism Circuit connecting the region's major attractions. He stated that strategic investments in tourism infrastructure would promote balanced regional development generate employment and strengthen the local economy.

The Chairman concluded his address by urging all members to work collectively with the Government and other stakeholders to further strengthen Odisha's tourism and hospitality industry.

Summing-up the EC Meeting by Working President – Dr. Srinibash Subudhi ;

While summing up Dr. Subudhi welcomed the valuable suggestions put forward by the members during the Open House discussion for the development of Western Odisha and assured the house that HRAO would take up the issues seriously with the respective Government departments. He also assured that the water shortage problem faced by Hotel Welcome Resorts would be taken up with the Department of Water Resources, Government of Odisha for necessary action.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by **Sri J.P.N. Purohit, EC Member (Balangir), HRAO**. He expressed his gratitude to the Chairman, Office Bearers and all participants for making the meeting highly fruitful and successful. He observed that the deliberations would greatly contribute to the development of tourism and hospitality in Western Odisha in particular and Odisha as a whole.

He also conveyed his appreciation to **Sri Sila Siba Prasad, Managing Director, Hotel The Grand Siba and Joint Secretary, HRAO**, for his warm hospitality and graciously inviting all the participants to the Gala Dinner hosted by him.

With kind regards,



Dr. SrinibashSubudhi
Working President



Jonathan Raul
Vice Chairman (Hq.)



DhimanMazumdar
Secretary General

Enclosures asAnnexures ;

1. Members attendance
2. Secretary General's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Press clippings

37 th Executive Committee Meeting			
Venue : Hotel The Grand Siba Sambalpur		Date : 01.08.2026 Time : 05.00 pm	
S.No.	Members Name	Name of the Hotel	Signature
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Secretary General's Report

37th E.C. Meeting at "Hotel The Grand Siba", Sambalpur on 1st August, 2026 at 5.00 pm

Respected Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Working President & all esteemed members present here. I welcome all for the **37th EC Meeting** for the year 2026-27.

Confirmation of our last 36th EC Meeting was held at "LYFE Hotel", Bhubaneswar on 24.01.2026 at 6.00 pm.

On 1st March, 2026 - HRAO organized **40th Year Celebration-cum-Family Get-together** held at "**Hotel Holiday Resort**", Puri was a grand success under the dynamic leadership of our Chairman, Dr. J.K. Mohanty & his vision.

This celebration graced & inaugurated by Smt. Pravati Parida, Hon'ble Dy. CM (Tourism), Dr. Sambit Patra, Hon'ble MP, Puri & Sri Sunil Mohanty, Hon'ble MLA, Puri as well as veteran members of HRAO were also attend.

There are 4 Nos. of Core Committee meetings were held on different topics & decisions were taken as follows ;

Core Committee Meetings	Decisions were taken
Meeting held on 01.05.2026	1) For next EC Meeting date & venue 2) Members requested to clear their dues & collect their Membership Cards & Certificates from HRAO Office.
Meeting held on 03.06.2026	1) Few HRAO Member hotels are not extending 30% discount to co-members. Failure to comply may result in suspension or seizure of their HRAO Membership Cards with immediate effect.

	2) Finalization of Balance Sheet for the year 2025-26 3) It was decided next EC Meeting at Sambalpur 4) Finalization of 7 th Odisha Tourism Conclave-2026 5) Finalization of “International Educational Tour” to Thailand.
Meeting held on 05.07.2026	1) Our 37 th EC Meeting fixed on 1 st Aug. 2026 at “Hotel The Grand Siba”, Sambalpur at 5 pm., followed by Press Meet & Dinner. 2) Mr. Sonu Nanda, THPL will be authorized by Chairman to set-up backdrop of stage at Sambalpur and prepare You-tube live presentation of the programme in social media. 3) Vice Chairman (Hq) request to bring 6 Nos. of Quotations for Thailand Trip & fixation of the dates. 4) Decided to hold 7 th Odisha Tourism Conclave-2026 prior to get consent from Dy. CM (Tourism) 5) Decided to go with Family to “Wondrella Water Park”, near Pithapalli, Khordha. Dates will be finalized shortly.
Meeting held on 23.07.2026	It was decided to have “Press Meet” before 37 th EC Meeting. Also it was decided to Vendor for Videography, Still photos, You-tube & Facebook in social media for awareness about HRAO development program. Finally, it was decided to have our 7 th Odisha Tourism Conclave would be held in Mid-October, 2026 subject to consent from Hon’ble Dy. CM (Tourism).

Following New Memberships Applications were approved by Core Committee meeting held on 23.07.2026 for placing today’s EC Meeting ;

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8.	Prasad Triveni Resorts, Rayagada

***Jai Jagannath &
Jai Maa Samaleswari***



Dhiman Mazumdar
Secretary General

Treasurer's Report

Our Banks Details ;

PARTICULARS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
Fixed Deposit at Federal Bank	39,45,677.00
Cash at Federal Bank	1,65,428.54
Fixed Deposit at State Bank of India	72,11,091.00
Cash at State Bank of India	10,88,806.00
Cash in Hand	2,000.00

Total = 332

Unpaid Members = 50

Treasurer, HRAO

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