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AHAR initiated joint meeting opens new vista

“It is an effort to bring All Hotel Associations of Maharashtra under a single platform and to have a Joint Action Committee to address the various grievances of the Hospitality Industry with Government” -- Adarsh Shetty

Mumbai: A meeting of all Hotel Associations of Maharashtra hosted by AHAR was held at Bunts Sangha Annex, Kurla, Mumbai on 10th October 2015.

Shri Adarsh Shetty President Indian Hotel and Restaurant Association (AHAR) in his welcome speech invited all the delegates of Hotel Associations of Maharashtra and the Chief Guest Shri Bharat Malkani, President of Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Association of India (FHRAI). He said that it is our mission to bring all stakeholders of the Hospitality Industry of the State under a common platform. During the course of the meeting various grievances were discussed to find solutions through effective representations. This will catalyse the efforts to change the decade old policies and make it more transparent, easy approachable and simplified structure which will be suitable to the present day situation. He said that he and his team are very happy the way all Associations responded and confirmed their participation enthusiastically. He further said

that it will be a milestone in the history of Hospitality Industry with delegates coming from every part of the state for the joint meeting under the auspicious of AHAR. He said the fruitful discussions, interactions will pave way for a united approach by all of us to protect the interest of this large industry which not only pool crores of rupees by way of taxes, fees, other charges etc. but also creates millions of job opportunities which is very much part of the nation building exercise.

The meeting was inaugurated by Shri Bharat Malkani the President FHRAI by Lighting the lamp along with Shri Adarsh Shetty, President, AHAR.

Shri Bharat Malkani was introduced by Shri Sukesh Shetty Hon. Secretary AHAR and was felicitated by Shri Adarsh Shetty

and Advisors.

Replying to the felicitation Shri Bharat Malkani briefed how the

Minister and brief how an industry generating crores of Rupees to the Government exchequer is treated

him and assured that AHAR, FHRAI and other Associations will work united in safeguarding the interest of the Hospitality Industry.

On the Occasion Shri Pradeep Shetty, Hon. Gen. Secretary of HRA [WI] also honoured.

The Hon. Jt. Secretary Shri Vishwopal Shetty introduced the President of all Associations. The President of all the Associations along with their entire team was honoured by the Chief Guest Shri Bharat Malkani and Shri Adarsh Shetty with mementoes and shawls.

Shri Sukesh Shetty, Hon. Gen. Secretary invited the delegates of all the Hotel Associations to have an interaction through their questions on various grievances faced by them. The President Shri Adarsh Shetty said that he and his team will attempt to clarify, answer all the questions. All the grievances will be pooled together and necessary representation will be made by AHAR with the participation of concerned Associations to the relevant authorities. (Continued on page 2)



Shri Bharat Malkani President FHRAI and Shri Pradeep Shetty Hon. Gen. Secretary Hotel & Restaurant Association (Western India) being felicitated by AHAR President Shri Adarsh Shetty, Hon. Gen. Secretary Shri Sukesh Shetty and AHAR team during the joint meeting of all Hotels Associations.



wrong policies of the Government both State and Central are affecting the entire Hospitality Industry.

He said the footfalls through Tourism in India are the lowest compared to other countries. As a President of the Premier Hospitality Industry Association, he will use his good office in meeting the Honourable Prime

and ask for fair support to the industry. He said he will put the important points of Infrastructure, Skill Development, Industrial Status for the Hospitality Sector and Environment issues before the Government for development oriented consideration in the larger interest of Hospitality Sector.

He thanked AHAR for honouring

AHAR takes the lead in addressing challenges

Forever News reporter

Mumbai: Over a period of time



Welcome Address by the host Vice President, Zone-V Shri Ravindranath Nire,

Association (AHAR) is gaining momentum through multi dimensional platforms in which the echo of AHAR is making ripples in the power centres. Many of our serious issues such as FSSAI, Minimum Wages, Dance Bar case, Service Tax to name a few. These matters are heard in various platforms and the results are awaited in a short while.

The classic example of joint meeting with HRA and other Associations across the State coming under a single platform to raise the challenges faced by our industry The result is the culmination of efforts by AHAR at large.

Secondly our Association and the members are geared up for the

much awaited AGM which is slated to be held on 16th December 2015. Hope to see a sea change in all areas of the event. I am sure the AGM will be a grand success. Look forward to the support from all the members said President Shri Adarsh Shetty.

The Minutes of the 9th Monthly Managing Committee Meeting held on 30th September 2015 at Swami Mukhtananda Sabhagruha, Bunts Sangha, Kurla [East], Mumbai 400 070 at 7.15 p.m.

Proceedings

Address by the President

The President Shri Adarsh Shetty began the meeting and requested Host Vice President Zone V Shri Ravindranath Nire to welcome the gathering.

Welcome Address by the host Vice President

Shri Ravindranath Nire, Vice President, Zone-V and the host of the meeting welcomed all the members. He thanked the Committee members of his Zone for electing him as the Vice President for the second consecutive term. He thanked President Shri Adarsh Shetty for supporting and guiding him and his team in addressing the grievances of the members. He said he along with his team will strive its best to make the Zone a vibrant one. He said that an amount of Rs. 2.50 lakhs has been collected as membership fees and 15 new members were enrolled. He thanked the President and the office bearers of Bunts Sangha for

providing the venue free of cost. He requested the President to go ahead with the agenda.

Confirmation of the minutes of the 8th Monthly Managing Committee Meeting held on 31. 8. 2015.

The Hon. Gen. Secretary Shri Sukesh Shetty presented the minutes of the 8th Monthly Managing Committee Meeting held on 31. 8. 2015.

The house confirmed the same

Proposed by

Shri Nikhil Shetty

Seconded by

Shri Naveen Shetty

Approval of the Accounts for the month of August 2015.

The Hon. Treasurer

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The Indian Hotel and Restaurant

AHAR joint meeting

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The delegates from different Associations put before the house their Grievances/Opinions which were promptly replied /clarified by AHAR team.

Most of the delegates opined that they look after AHAR as a big brother with aspiration and hope that their grievances at local level and State level are addressed. They also opined that it is their moral duty to support AHAR which has spent more than Rs. 74 lakhs alone on various legal cases to safe guard the interest of the Hospitality sector at State level benefiting the entire industry through their monetary and logistic support.

Advisor to AHAR Shri Santosh Shetty narrated how various legal battles fought by AHAR benefitted the entire industry in spite of AHAR's jurisdiction being limited to Mumbai.

Shri Narayana Alva said that AHAR is not a Government Machinery but it is like any other Association which is committed to safeguard the interest of the industry. He also pointed that all Associations need to support AHAR through funds so that it can fight against every injustice meted on the hospitality sector.

Shri Arvind Shetty briefed about the draconian FSSAI regulation, why AHAR has gone ahead filing Writ Petition and how this law will affect even the small hotelier.

Shri Sadanand Shetty a veteran Hotelier also expressed his happiness with the effort of the President in bringing all Associations under one roof.

While concluding the day long joint meeting AHAR President Shri

Adrash Shetty pointed that there are different rules, regulation of same law or act in different parts of the State. He said we have to compile all the genuine grievances and represent along with the Associations and escalate the matter with Government.

To the request of the House to form a Federation to attend the grievances of Hotel industry at State level, The President replied that it is not the right time to think about the Federation. He suggested to form a Joint Action Committee with representatives of all Hotel Associations of Maharashtra and act as a single unit in attending the grievances, representations etc. He also requested the Associations to use their good office with the local MLAs, Ministers, MPs to have an easy access to Government and also pursue them for redressal of grievances.

The President Honoured Shri Vishwapal Shetty and Shri Sunil Patil for their exemplary work in coordinating and bringing all Associations together for the meeting.

On the occasion the Ulhasnagar Hotel Owners Associations has donated an amount of Rs.50,000/-as their contribution to the legal fund of AHAR.

The Meeting was concluded with vote of thanks by the Hon. Gen. Secretary Shri Suresh Shetty to the delegates of all Associations of Maharashtra for participating, Shri Bharat Malkani, Shri Pradeep Shetty and office bearers, Sub Committees Members and Advisors of AHAR for making the event a grand success.

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The Following Hotel associations participated in the meeting:

1. Kolhapur District Madhya khadya Vyavasayi Association.
2. Satara Hotel owners Association.
3. Navi Mumbai Hotel Owners Association.

4. Mira Bhayander Hotel Owners Association.

5. Hotel association of Dahanu.
6. Nagpur Hotel Association.
7. Aurangabad Hotel Association.
8. Rural Permit Room Hotel Association of Nashik.
9. Thane Hotel Owners Association.
10. Palghar Hotel Owners Association.
11. Ambarnath Hotel Owners Association.
12. Kalyan Hotel Owners Association.
13. Badlapur Hotel Association.
14. Bhiwandi Hotel Association.
15. Nashik City Hotel Association.
16. Ulhasnagar Hotel Owners Association.
17. Dombivili Hotel Owners Association.
18. Pune Restaurant Owners Association.

M/s Nashik Hotel Association, Kolhapur Hotel Owners [City] Association, Guhagar Hotel Association, Vasai Hotel Association and Sangli Zilla Hotel Owners Association could not attend the function due to last moment preoccupation at their place but assured full support to AHAR in any decision taken.

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Synopsis of 9th MMCM

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Shri Shashidhar G. Shetty presented the Accounts for the month of August 2015.

The House approved the same.

Proposed by

Shri K. K. Mahale

Seconded by

Shri Shivram Shetty

The Hon. Treasurer briefed that an amount of Rs. 4.00 lakhs is required towards the expenses of the Condolence meeting of Shri Datta Kadam our First President

which was held on 14.9.2015 and for the meeting of all Maharashtra Hotel Associations to be held on 10.10.2015.

The house approved the same.

Proposed By

Shri Nikhil Shetty

Seconded by

Shri Shailendra Shetty

The Hon. Treasurer further informed the house that an amount of Rs. 2.80 lakhs needs to be sanctioned towards the PR exercise of the Association by I-Deators Communications, who did excellent job in the past 6 months. The House approved the same.

Proposed by

Shri Gaurang Shah

Seconded by

Shri Shivaji Shetty

Approval of Budget for the 36th AGM

The Hon. Treasurer briefed the house that the estimated budget of expenditure for the entire event of the 36th AGM to be held on 16.12.2015 will be Rs. 28 lakhs. He requested house to approve the same.

Proposed by

Shri Vijay Kumar Shetty

Seconded by

Shri Sunil Saigal

Appointing the Returning

officer for conducting the Election to the Managing Committee for the years 2015-2016.

Hon. Gen. Secretary briefed the house that looking at the impartial and non controversial handling of election to the Managing Committee of AHAR over the years, he proposes the name of Adv. D. K. Shetty as the Returning Officer for conducting the election to the Managing Committee for the year 2015-2016.

The house unanimously approved the same.

Proposed by

Shri Prasad Shetty

Seconded by

Shri Vijaykumar Shetty

Events of the month

President Shri Adarsh Shetty

Addressing the meeting President Shri Adarsh Shetty said that: • Only a united and powerful representation will be heard by the authorities like MCGM as seen in the harassment matter of Hotel Laxmi, Dadar, wherein on the behest of the Builder who is interested in redevelopment of the property. The Eating House license was cancelled and water supply was disconnected in spite of the hotelier having all required licenses in place. AHAR (Continued on page 6)

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AHAR Felicitates All Hotel Association Heads During Joint Meeting Held in Mumbai



Shri Ajit Shetty President of Dombivali Hotel Owners Association being felicitated by AHAR President Shri Adarsh shetty and team.



Shri Balasaheb R Gadre President of Kolhapur Dist. Gramin Madhya Khadya Vyavsaiik Association being felicitated.



Shri Bhaskar T Shetty Hon. Gen. of Secretary of Bhiwandi Hotel Owners Association being felicitated.



Shri Bhawanishankar Dave President of The Nagpur Hotel Owners Association being felicitated.



Shri Dayanand Shetty President of Navi Mumbai Hotel Owners Association being felicitated.



Shri Ganesh J. Shetty President of Pune Restaurant & Hoteliers Association being felicitated.



Shri K. Bhujanga L. Shetty President of Palghar Taluka Hotel Owners Association being felicitated.



Shri Madhukar K Shetty Hon. Gen. Secretary of Mira Bhayander Hotels Association being felicitated.



Shri Prakash Shetty President of Ulhasnagar Hotel Owners Welfare Association being felicitated.



Shri Prakash Shetty President of Ulhasnagar Hotel Owners Welfare Association donated an amount of Rs. 50,000/- towards legal fund being felicitated.



Shri Rajendra P. Dokhale President of Association of Rural Permit Room Owners Nashik (ARPON) being felicitated.



Shri Raju Tukaram Bhosale President of Satara Hotel Association being felicitated.



Shri Ravindra B. Shetty President of Dahanu Hotel Association being felicitated.



Shri Sunil S Shetty President of Ambernath Hotel Owners Association being felicitated.



Shri Shivaji Patil, Hon. Gen. Secretary of Aurangabad Dist Hotels & Rest Association being felicitated.



Shri Saiprasad V. Shetty President of Thane Hotel Owners Association being felicitated.



Shri Surendra P. Rai President of Hotel Owners Association Kulgaon, Badlapur being felicitated.



Shri Kishore Raju Shetty representative of Aurangabad Dist Hotels & Rest Association being felicitated.



Shri Shridhar Shetty Hon. Gen. Secretary Association of Bar Hotel & Restaurant, Nashik (ABHAR) being felicitated.



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took this matter seriously and met the Additional Municipal Commissioner Shri Waghalkar and surrendered about 100 hotel licenses to him in protest against the injustice and harassment to the Hotel Laxmi, Dadar. The Additional Municipal Commissioner immediately took action and we hope the license will be reinstated and water supply will be restored within a few days.

President informed the house that a meeting of all Hotel Associations of Maharashtra hosted by AHAR will be held on 10.10.2015 at Bunts Sangha, Annex, Kurla [East], Mumbai. More than 25 hotel Associations throughout the State are expected to attend the meeting.

Shri Bharat Malkani, President, HRA [WI] will be the Chief Guest and will inaugurate the meet. It will be a full day event to discuss all the current grievances of the Hospitality industry and take a united action against the injustice meted by Government and other authorities. There will be an interaction session with all the Associations for a smooth coordination.

AHAR has attended the recent convocation meet of IDMA as invitee and was honoured for its fight against the draconian FSSAI rules.

Any member receiving notices from Indian Singers Rights Association are advised to contact the office for a draft reply.

The Bombay High Court has quashed a Writ Petition challenging the provisions of FSSAI Act by AHAR and other Associations. AHAR management will study the judgment and decide the future course of action.

A delegation of AHAR is meeting the Union Health Minister and the Hon'ble Prime Minister regarding the FSSAI Act matter and seek fair and justified provisions pertaining to the hotel industry.

Various committees of the 36th AGM Scheduled on 16.12.2015 at Bunts Sangha Auditorium will be announced in the ensuing monthly meeting.

The Writ Petition in Dance Bar case will be heard on 22.9.2015 at Supreme Court.

Presentation by Sub Committee Chairmen

Shri K. K. Mahale

Our writ petition on illegal food hawking will soon come on board in Bombay High Court. We should try till we get the result.

Shri Samith Arasa

We have met Adv. J. S. Kini, who assured that within 4-6 weeks

our writ petition on illegal hawker matters will be heard.

Shri Bharat Thakur

The writ petition of dance bar will be heard on 13.10.2015 in Supreme Court. We are taking Adv. Veena Thadani from Mumbai for discussion with our counsel in Delhi. The Court has given three weeks time to Government to file reply. In case no affidavit /reply are filed AHAR committee will ask for a stay on section 33[A]. He requested all hoteliers to fulfil their financial commitments at the earliest.

Shri Niranjan Shetty

Had spoken to the additional Municipal Commissioner Shri Sanjay Deshmukh and Shri Rahandale, CFO regarding Laxmi Hotel, Dadar Matter. Municipal Commissioner assured it will be attended and redressed.

Coordinator Shri Santosh R Shetty

Briefed the house that in the current year more than 2000 hotel employees took benefit of the various Health and Eye checkup camps held in various locations. He Congratulated Shri Shivaji Shetty and Shri Sunil Patil for their coordination and support.

Others

Shri Sadanand Shetty

AHAR which was started in a small way has now grown tall and meeting the aspirations of the Hoteliers. The recent decision of Mahanagar Gas Limited asking for Landlord's NOC for new connection of Piped Natural Gas connection is absurd. It should be challenged as old establishments can never get NOC from Landlord.

Presentation by the

Vice-Presidents

Zone II - Shri K. V. Shetty:

Had a corner meeting on 28.9.2015. The medical checkup for hotel employees will be held on 15.10.2015. The meeting held with AMC-E Ward was attended by around 75 hoteliers and the meeting was very cordial and positive.

Zone III - Shri Suresh Shetty:

A matter of death of an employee in the Hotel premises of Kirthi Mahal, Parel was attended. Another matter of goondagiri by anti social elements in Hotel Vijaya, Naigaum was also attended and sorted out.

Zone IV - Shri Sunil Shetty:

Thanked the President and all hotelier members, for attending the case of Laxmi hotel, Dadar. The CFO has assured to issue the required NOC to MCGM.

Zone V - Shri Ravindranath Nire The illegal Chinese stalls in Mankhurd, Govandi area selling / serving illegal liquor were raided in response to the complaint lodged by

the AHAR team. Ten new members enrolled.

Zone VI - Shri Sunil Patil:

Property damaged at Mallika Hotel for refusing to serve liquor after permitted hour was attended and NC filed with Police station. Ghatkopar based political workers were behind the act. VP and team are following the case. As part of the seires of Medical camps the 4th Medical and Eye Camp of Zone VI will be organised next week.

Zone VII - Shri Rajan Shetty:

A matter of police complaint against a hotelier in whose hotel the customer drank liquor and died at his home was attended. It is proved that it is a natural death and the hotelier is no way responsible for his death.

Zone VIII - Shri Jagdish Shetty:

A matter of Police harassment due to non inclusion of Manager's name in a hotel of the Zone was attended and sorted out.

Zone IX - Shri Sudhakar T Shetty:

Collected membership fees of Rs. 3,00,000/- till date. Had Medical and Eye check up camp at Hotel Sai Palace. More than 200 employees took benefit of the same. Shri Sudhakar Shetty AGM Chairman requested the members to canvas for stalls in the ensuing AGM through their suppliers/vendors. Thanked Shri Shivaji Shetty and Shri Sunil Patil for their support in organiaing the medical camp.

Zone X - Shri Anil Salian: A Medical/Eye Check up camp was organized on 19.9.2015. More than 150 employees took benefit of the same. Thanks to Shri shivaji Shetty & Shri Sunil Patil for their support.

Speech by Advisors

Shri Shivram Shetty

The team is doing an excellent Job. We need to support them in their efforts through Participation.

Shri Sudhakar Y Shetty

The misuse of RTI act by some frivolous activists is on the rise and harassment by way of extortion is increasing and needs to be checked. A H A R members must make efforts by taking the issues to higher authorities

against the rampant misuse of RTI. The Proposed meeting of all Hotel Associations of Maharashtra is a good decision. This will bring Hospitality industry more united. Which will pave smooth communication with other sister Associations. The recent decision to remove all illegal encroachment in Hotels and Restaurants without doing anything about illegal hawkers must be challenged.

Shri Arvind Shetty

In a nutshell he briefed the background of FSSAI Act and its impact on Hoteliers and how the impractical provisions have forced AHAR to file Writ Petition against it. There are still grounds to represent our case to higher level of Central Ministers and the Government. He said we must appreciate Shri Adarsh shetty for guiding and leading from the front. The Law is there to regulate the act and not to destroy your business.

Following vendors supported the meeting through stall participation.

1. Metro Cash & Carry
2. Pet Pooja
3. VKL
4. Ruchi soya
5. Foody Amma
6. Real Uniform
7. The grain market
8. Pioneer Tandoor
9. Menson
10. NWD CO

Felicitation

On the Occasion Shri B. B. Rathod, Assistant Commissioner, Chembur Division was felicitated for his support and cooperation to AHAR and its members. He was presented with Memento, shawl and floral bouquets by the President, Host VP and the Advisors.

Replying to the felicitation, Shri B. B. Rathod advised the members to have awareness of various acts, rules of various authorities so that no

one can take them for ride. He also advised them to work within the frame work of laid down rules and norms. He assured his support to the genuine grievances of the Hoteliers.

On the occasion Shri Mithun Sudhir Shetty on behalf of Shri Sudhir Shetty of Hotel Grand Central, Shri Samith Ravindra Arasa on behalf of Shri Ravindra Arasa of Ornament Hotel and Shri Rohit Manohar Shetty of Hotel Geeta Bhavan were also felicitated with floral bouquets for their support to AHAR.

Condolence.

The house paid condolence to the departed hoteliers.

Shri Datta Kadam our First President who expired on 6.9.2015.

Shri Ramanna S Shetty owner of Palace, Navrang and Balaji Hotel Bandra who expired on 15.9.2015.

Shri Ramanna Shetty of Madhuban, Prabhadevi and Food Search, Santacruz who expired on 28.9.2015.

Vote of Thanks

The Meeting was concluded by Vote of thanks by the Hon. Gen. Secretary Shri Sukesh Shetty to the President for conducting the meeting in a dignified way, Management of Swami Mukhtananda Sabhagruha, Shri B. B. Rathod, Shri Samith Ravindra Arasa, Shri Rohit Manohar Shetty, Shri Mithun Sudhir Shetty, Sponsors of stalls, Media partners Karnataka Malla, Udayavani, USL, UBL, Pernod-Ricard and Impala Distilleries for liquor support and members for attending in large numbers ●



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