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37th Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Hotel and Restaurant association (AHAR) and the AHAR Restaurant trade exhibition opened new vistas

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The one and only apex body of Indian Hotel & Restaurant Owners (AHAR) established since 1979 with an aim to support the Hotelier community.

The 37th Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Hotel and Restaurant Association (AHAR) and the AHAR Restaurant Business Trade Exhibition was held on 16th December 2016 at the Bunts Sangha Auditorium, Kurla East, Mumbai.

The much awaited AHAR Restaurant Business Trade Exhibition started with the Ganesh Vandana followed by the inauguration of AHAR Hospitality Expo 2016 by the hands of President, Office bearers and the Chief Guests for the event K. Prakash Shetty, CMD, MRG Group, Bengaluru & Mumbai and Ravi S Shetty, CMD, Sai Palace Group of Hotels, Mumbai inaugurated the Exhibition.

The chief guests for the event and AHAR team visited all the exhibition stalls and interacted with the exhibitors about the new and innovative products

and services displayed for promotion. The coveted AHAR Hospitality Expo

Software etc. to name a few. While there were more than 20 new business

by the Hotel & Restaurant owners for the Hotel & Restaurant owners by

point presentation glued the audience till the end. Even though the allotted time was for an hour the presentation went on till 2 p.m. The interactive session opened new direction to the entire hotel and restaurant business such as menu planning to serving and ambience as well as implementation new and exotic herbs and plants for a healthy meal. Veterans like Vittal Kamath and Riyaz Amlani and the seniors were there to know the better implementation of resources. The seminar hall was packed with hotelier members and students of Ramanath Payyade College of Hospitality Management including their principal Ms. Sanyogita Morarji.

The evening events started with the traditional lighting of the lamps by the President, Hon. Gen. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, AGM Chairman and Advisors. This was followed by the National Anthem and condolences to martyrs and the members departed during the year. Hon. Gen Secretary Santosh R. Shetty made the welcome speech and invited President Adarsh (Continued on page 3)



2016 witnessed a massive influx of visitors right from morning till the closing session. While the existing patrons reaffirmed their solidarity with AHAR such as Janta Steel, VKL, Sai Radha Developers, Udipi, Kamani Enterprises, PCI, Zanuff, Menson Billing

houses such as Freecharge, Paytronic, Dhamma Reality, Adani Group etc. have joined the trade exhibitions from diverse industries. More than 3,000 trade visitors got an opportunity to get shoulder to shoulder with the one and only trade exhibitions organized

connecting the B2B and B2C operators.

A seminar on 'New and Latest Trends in Restaurant Business' was held at Bunts Sangha annex hall by the noted Executive Chef Sudhir Pai - Holiday Inn, Mumbai International Airport. Unlike other seminars the Pai's power

Demonetization a game changer for eradicating black money and for a better tomorrow Adarsh B Shetty



President Amar Shetty
VP, Zone-VI

Forever News

M u m b a i : President Adarsh Shetty invited the host Vice President Amar Shetty VP, Zone-VI to welcome the gathering for the 11th Monthly

Managing Committee Meeting of the Indian Hotel and Restaurant Association was held at Swami Mukhtanand Sabhagruh, Bunts Sangha, Kurla Mumbai on 22nd November 2016 at 7.00 P.M.

Amar Shetty welcomed the President, office bearers, advisors and members to the meeting. He thanked his committee members for

electing him as the Vice President of the Zone. He said that the overwhelming support he got from the members has resulted in addressing the concerns of members with ease as and when required. He thanked Adarsh Shetty President for guiding him and all office bearers for supporting. He requested the President to continue with the agenda.

To confirm the Minutes of the 10th Monthly managing Committee Meeting

The Hon. Gen. Secretary Santosh R Shetty, presented the minutes of the 10th Monthly Managing Committee Meeting held on 24.10.2016. The same was unanimously approved.

Proposed by K. K. Mahale
Seconded by Ratnakar Shetty
To approve the accounts for the month of

October 2016.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts for the month of October 2016. The house approved the same.

Proposed by Suresh Shetty
Seconded by Shivaram Shetty

The Hon. Treasurer also sought an approval for Rs. 2,00,000/- being the legal charges for intervening in the WP filed by Guruprasad Shetty for refund of the TDLR collected by BEST in Supreme Court. The house unanimously approved the same.

Proposed by Ashok Shetty
Seconded by Ibrahim Sunasera

To Approve the Budget for 37th AGM. The Hon. Treasurer presented a budget of Rs. 30.00 lakhs for the 37th AGM expenses. The house approved the same.

Proposed by J. D. Shetty

Seconded by Sudhakar T Shetty

Events of the month

President Adarsh Shetty briefed the house the following:

Withdrawal of letter by DMC-Zone. Due to effort of AHAR in meeting the Hon'ble Governor DMC-Zone-II has cancelled the letter issued by him at the instruction of Lok Ayukta dismantling the legal open area spaces. However, he clarified that open space permission is only meant for service and not for other purposes.

• **Meeting with Election commissioner:**

Maharashtra - Election commissioner has invited AHAR and requested the Association for support in voter awareness by offering discount, free items etc. for persons, who will vote in ensuing elections. It will call (Continued on page 2)

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of Individual members, how to offer the same as a social relevant service. It is an attempt for maximum voters turnout in the ensuing elections.

• TDLR Relief

Due to AHAR's effort the deduction of TDLR in commercial bills by BEST is stopped benefitting Lakhs of users. AHAR will now intervene in the petition filed by Gurudas Shetty for Recovery of TDLR wrongly collected by BEST in Supreme Court.

• FSSAI online renewal

Due to efforts of AHAR training in online registration / Renewal-

A number of renewals are affected on-line. The members are advised to renew their FSSAI Licenses by 30th day of the current month to avoid penalties. He appreciated the efforts of Pramod Nayak, FSSAI Committee Chairman for initiating the training and smoothening renewal process.

• Demonetization

He said we should support this bold move by the Govt. He advised the members not to panic as it will be a temporary one.

• Meeting with Chief Minister

A delegation of AHAR met the Honourable Chief Minister and apprised him of the difficulties faced by hoteliers due to demonetization. The delegation also expressed its support to the bold decision of the Prime Minister which is in the interest of the nation. The Chief Minister while appreciating the AHAR's gesture of support he assured that the Government will support the industry in this hour of peril. He assured of providing the easy exchange of notes of high denomination by RBI, accepting the Government statutory dues by old

high denomination currency and removal of the tax on use of credit / debit cards.

The delegation also met the Municipal Commissioner and apprised him about the meeting with the Chief Minister. They urged him to accept the statutory dues of Municipal Corporation in old high denomination. The MC assured that he will take the decision after confirming from RBI authorities.

37th AGM

The President sought the involvement, participation of all Members in making the 37th AGM of AHAR to be held on 16.12.2016 a grand success. He said that the AHAR trade exhibition will be inaugurated by Ravi Shetty, CMD, Sai Palace Group of Hotels & K. Prakash Shetty, CMD, MRG group at 10.00 a.m.

He thanked all office bearers, committee members and members for supporting him in his two years tenure resulting in some milestone achievements.

K. V. Shetty, Chairman, 37th AGM Committee briefed the developments in AGM matters and sought the support of all members in making the event a grand success. Presentation by Vice President

Zone I Mahendra Karkera Organised a free health check up and eye check up camp attended by 375 hotel employees. The FSSAI online renewal is in progress. Total membership collection till date Rs. 3,15,000/-

Zone II K. V. Shetty

Organised a corner meeting on 12.11.2016. All the latest happenings were briefed. So far 90 FSSAI licenses are renewed. Had AIDS awareness camp by Nagri Seva Prabhodini. 167 employees were checked. Total collection Rs.

3,88,600/- membership till date.

Zone III Suresh Shetty

So far 48 FSSAI licenses were renewed. Had completed 4 years as VP and thanked all the committee members and members of the Zone for the support. It is wonderful to work under leader like Adarsh Shetty. Collected Rs. 4,50,000/- as membership in the current year.

Zone IV Sunil Shetty

The process of online renewal of FSSAI license is on. So far collected Rs. 3,10,000/- as membership and Rs. 6,05,000/- as legal fund collection.

Zone V Ravindranath Nire

So far 35 licenses are renewed. Membership collection is Rs. 3,90,000/- till date.

Zone VI Amar Shetty

Had a free health check up and Eye check up camp. More than 222 employees participated. So far 58 licenses renewed. Collected membership of Rs. 4,82,450/- 14 new members were enrolled.

Zone VII Rajan Shetty

Had a corner meeting on 7.11.2016 which is well attended. All the latest happenings were briefed. Membership of Rs. 5,00,000/- were collected.

Zone VIII Jagdish Shetty

An issue of wrong food poisoning allegation in a Hotel was attended and sorted out. FSSAI license renewal in process. So far 16 licenses renewed.

Zone IX Karunakar Shetty

Had a Free eye camp on 19.11.2016. 175 employees took benefit of the same. Total membership collection till date Rs. 7,00,000/-

X Prabhakar Shetty

Total membership collection Rs.

11,51,000/- A case of child labour and demanding of favour in Nisha Palace was attended and sorted out.

President

• I thank Hon. Gen. Secretary, Santosh R. Shetty, Hon. Treasurer, Shashidhar G Shetty, Hon. Jt. Secretary, Vishwapal Shetty and Hon. Jt. Treasurer Prasad Shetty for supporting throughout the year.

• Prabhakar Shetty, Zone-X had surpassed all the expectations and achieved a quantum leap growth in enrolling new membership and collection.

• A Karkala sneh sammelan will be held on 27th November 2016 in Mathoshree Gardens. Interested members are advised to attend the same.

Speech by Advisors

Shivram Shetty

The Present team is doing an excellent job. The demonetization is affecting the small hoteliers badly. We should meet the authorities to sort out the same.

Sudhakar Y. Shetty

The bold move of demonetization by the central Government should be supported by all. It is for a better future. Our business style, pattern should change. The streamlining of online FSSAI license process is a good move. In the next renewal no hardship will be faced. In Vikhroli a fraudster posing as labour officer was visiting the hotels. Due to our alertness, he ran away. We should be careful in such matters.

Others

K. K. Mahale

Decided to take rest and will be out of Hawker Action Committee but will work as watch dog.

Letter of appreciation

The Hon. Gen. Secretary read out the following letter of appreciation.

1. Vikram Shetty, Shreesha Tea House, Gulalwadi
2. Nisha Palace, Borivali

Stalls Participation

Hon. Jt. Secretary Vishwapal Shetty introduced all the stall vendors and presented them with floral bouquets by the President

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Condolence

The House paid condolence to the following departed souls.

1. Shri Darshan Bangera son of Shri Devendra Bangera, Ujala, Bandra on 26.10.2016.
2. Shri Sadashiv Shetty, Hotel sarovar, Malad East on 8.11.2016
3. Smt. Lalita K Shetty, wife of Karunakar Shetty, Shree Krishna, Andheri on 4.11.2016.
4. Smt. Rathi Gopal Shetty, Hotel Gokul, Borivali on 3.11.2016

Vote of thanks

The meeting was concluded with Vote of thanks by the Hon. Gen. Secretary Santosh R. Shetty ●





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Foodpanda logs massive growth in 2015-16

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Online marketplace for food delivery Foodpanda earned a revenue of Rs 37.81 crore in the financial year 2015-16 -- a whopping 800 per cent increase -- as compared to 4.7 crore in

the previous financial year, the company said on Friday, adding that it saw a 40-50 per cent spike in the order numbers during the demonetisation phase.

"We have not only registered 800 per cent growth but have

also become operationally profitable in both our business lines -- marketplace and delivery," said Saurabh Kochhar, CEO Foodpanda India.

At present, 40 per cent of the orders are delivered by

Foodpanda delivery services and the remaining 60 per cent are delivered by restaurants which is a leap from December 2015 when only 25 per cent of the orders were delivered by the company delivery services, the

company said.

The company has raised \$310 million so far, with the last round in 2015 bringing in \$110 million from investors led by hedge fund Goldman Sachs Investment Partners.

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Shetty to brief the house about the proceedings.

The minutes of 36th Annual Report and Special General Body Meeting (SGBM) were circulated well in advance to the members and as there was no query on both items, the minutes were passed unanimously. Same way the Audited Accounts 2015-16 were also approved without any questioning.

Appointment of Auditor for the year also confirmed and continues with the same auditor M/s. Y R Shetty & Co. Post the event the names of the newly elected Managing Committee members were declared by Bhaskar. K. Shetty as the representative of Retuning Officer Adv D. K. Shetty as he was absent. Followed this a token of gift was presented to Bhaskar K Shetty on behalf of Returning Officer Adv. D K Shetty.

As part of the Corporate Social Responsibility and to encourage the student community of the hotel employees, eight SSC and HSC studious students were felicitated with cash awards as a token of appreciation. Prominent senior hoteliers were also felicitated from all the zones by the President Adarsh Shetty, Hon. Gen. Secretary Santosh R Shetty, AGM Chairman K V Shetty and the VP of the respective zone. The custom of appreciation of Ex-office bearers for their selfless contribution to AHAR during their tenure was followed. J D Shetty Ex- Zone I, Sunil Patil Ex-VP Zone VI, Sudhakar T Shetty Ex-VP Zone IX, Anil Salian Ex-VP Zone and Sukesh Shetty Ex-Hon. Gen. Secretary were felicitated. The most important felicitation of the day the President's Nominee Award was conferred on Guruprasad Shetty. He along with his team of Kamlakar Shenoy and Adv. Balakrishna Shetty were responsible in breaking the Monopoly of BEST undertaking in supplying electricity in Island City of Mumbai, introduced competition from Tata Power, abolished TDLR, compelled BEST to reduce rate of electricity by almost 30%. He is now fighting for refund of Rs.3500 crores collected by BEST as TDLR charges in Supreme Court against some of the top lawyers in India.

A cheque of Rs. 1.5 lakhs was presented to the National Association of Blind as part of the social gesture and a mark to the humanity. AHAR has been conducting free Eye check-up camps with the support of NAB throughout the year benefitting more than 5,000 hotel employees.

The Presidential address to the house was an eye opener to the audience as in a short span of time a humongous achievements made in all areas of operations such as FSSAI, Municipal Licence, Repealing of various Police licenses, Removal of Signboard license and child labour matters and so on. The audience were spell bound to the speech and cheered the commendable achievements made by the president and his tea.

AHAR as parent body for the industry who keeps regular tab with all the associations of the State and as mark of respect the presence of all the sister associations were acknowledged

with a bouquet. These associations appreciated the guidance and support extended by AHAR from time to time.

achieving greater strength.

Sponsors were felicitated for their persistence support by tangible and intangible

sponsored by Menson (India) Pvt. Ltd., Kamani Enterprises & Vinayaka Traders, Mumbai. The event sponsor for the AGM was United Spirits – A DIAGEO Group Company, Co sponsored by Coca-Cola, Pepsi, ICELINGS, and event supported by Pernod Ricard India, Chakubhai, Maitreya Capital, wine partner SULA, Event powered by KINGFISHER, TUBORG, REPEAT & VKL & Media partner, Forever News.

The 37th Annual General Body Meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks by Hon. Gen. Secretary Santosh R Shetty. He also made an announcement of date as 19th December 2016 for the 1st Joint Managing Committee Meeting Bunt Sangha Annex, Kurla East, Mumbai.



Keen audience during the felicitation ceremony of Chief Guests for the event K. Prakash Shetty and Ravi S Shetty by AHAR President and team.

This was followed by the speeches by Advisors Santosh R Shetty, Chandrahas Shetty, Sudhakar Shetty and Arvind Shetty who shared their experience and guided the team for

resources. The Lucky Dip has seen huge eyeballs popping for the results which was declared by the first Woman and there were three gifts worth 25,000/-, 17,000/- & 15,000/- were

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Gur chai, masala chai cake a deadly combination at Chaayos

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After a long hectic day, when all you need is some “me” time, gur chai (jaggery tea) with a slice of masala chai cake is your go-to remedy this winter season. Chaayos, a chai cafe chain which turned four last month, has come up with an interesting menu apt for the season.

Served in a kulhad (terracotta cup) with a hint of saunf (fennel seeds), a sip of the newly introduced gur tea by the brand transports you back to the time when you were in college, free from the hassles of daily life.

The flavour of jaggery is not at all overpowering, but a caution: Since it is served in a kulhad, sip on it till it's hot as it doesn't give you the same kind of experience when cold.

The brand has come up with 12 winter special combinations.

“We are constantly innovating

on our product range from thandi chai to sambossa (their version

along with another IIT graduate, Nitin Saluja, told IANS.

who has fainted on jalapenos.

What should certainly be tried here is the amazing combination of theplas (super thin, lightly spiced paratha like flat-bread, prepared from wheat flour, fenugreek leaves and other spices) and chicken called thepla tacos.

Although a little spicy, the combination of freshly made theplas and aloo bhujia meshed with chicken filling is an amazing idea that the chain has

come up with. For vegetarians there is also a paneer taco.

Try the golden green tea with the tacos as it goes down well with the combination.

The new menu also includes shammi nachos (vegetarian), homemade upma, chatkaara chai and a varied range of cakes

like chocolate factory cake, apple streusel cake, date and fig cake and masala chai cake.

The shammi nachos are fine but I could easily skip them and binge on the tacos alone.

Masala chai cake and date and fig cake are highly recommended for those who are willing to experiment with their taste buds. It is like Chaayos masala chai in the form of a cake and the taste will surely amaze you. Not very sweet, not salty, just perfect.

The date and fig cake is another must try.

Although a fan of apples, the streusel cake was a bit too dry, not exactly what I had imagined but then each unto his own.

If you want to leave on a sweet note the cakes are a brilliant idea, however, if you plan on ending with tea, the chatkara chai could be given a try. It is Chaayos's version of hajmola chai. It tastes and smells of kala namak in tea but a balanced blend.



of samosa), all have been our interpretation of the otherwise old recipes.

“This time we were looking at taking the Delhi market by storm and launching food items that are very unique to the winter palate and very indigenous,” Raghav Verma, who co-founded Chaayos

If you are really hungry you could binge on the kulhad pav bhaji, which is bhaji served in a kulhad topped with butter with pao (soft bread roll). Not exactly outstanding, it tastes like any other bhaji and pao we get but the plus point is that it is not at all spicy for a person like me,

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Chief Guests for the event K. Prakash Shetty and Ravi S Shetty alongwith AHAR President and team visiting the exhibition stalls.



Chief Guests for the event K. Prakash Shetty and Ravi S Shetty were felicitated by AHAR President and team



Chief Guests for the event K. Prakash Shetty, Ravi S Shetty and Executive Chef Sudhir Pai alongwith AHAR President and team releasing the show guide.

**Glimpses
of 37th AHAR
AGM**



Executive Chef Sudhir Pai addressing the gathering during the Knowledge Seminar on 'New and Latest Trends in Restaurant Business'. The seminar opened new vistas.

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