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36th Indian Hotel and Restaurant Association (AHAR) AGM & Hospitality Expo an ubiquitous event

Mumbai: It was a wow moment right in the morning to see a huge crowd of business visitors and AHAR members gathered for the inaugural function which was witnessed by who's who of the industry. The chief guests for the event was Shri Sudhir Shetty, CMD Charisma Builders Ltd., Grand Central Hotels & Shri Ravindra Arasa,



Owner Rajhans Hotel, Chembur alongwith President Shri Adarsh Shetty, Hon. Gen. Secretary Shri Sukesh Shetty, Advisors, senior members and other delegates from

fellow associations.

Post inauguration the chief guest and team visited the exhibition stalls and was highly impressed by the way the exhibitors participated. Further the chiefs guests were felicitated with

floral bouquets.

The seminar on Fire Safety was addressed by Shri V.M. Naik - Fire Advisor and Shri Harish Shetty - Asst. Div. Fire Officer. During the seminar many facts and figures were

discussed and the recent fire mishaps and the way to prevent through a proper fire audit. During the seminar a video presentation highlighted the use of Gas leakage detector. The event concluded with the felicitation of the speakers.

As per the scheduled time the AGM started with the lighting of lamp by the Advisors and Senior Members. AHAR President Shri Adarsh Shetty addressed the august gathering of esteemed AHAR members, trade body representatives, industry veterans, business partners, members from Other Hotel and Restaurant governing bodies from all over Maharashtra and members from the media during the 36th AGM held at Buntara Bhavan, Chunabatti, Kurla (E) on 16th December 2015.

During the Presidential address he had touched upon all the areas of operation and the work done so far and the future road map for AHAR through an Audio visual and power point presentation.

Confirmation of the minutes of the 35th AGM and Accounts for the year was passed and the same was confirmed.

Hon. Gen. Secretary Shri Sukesh Shetty presented the 36th Annual Report.



Shri D.K. Shetty, Returning Officer declared the names of all

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AHAR to submit a detailed report on ease of doing business - Shri Adarsh Shetty

Forever News reporter

Mumbai: AHAR as a responsible Association persistently strive to improve the day to day functioning of the Hospitality industry with the recent development on need for

to many other rules. AHAR been requested to prepare a detailed report which are obsolete and not of any use in the current business scenario.

In a first cut meeting with the Municipal Commissioner was very fruitful and the authorities have seen the importance of AHAR as a medium looking for change to the business at ease. Team AHAR have prepared a blue print and is on the final stage to present the report to the Municipal Commissioner which is scheduled by end of the month. The report is an exhaustive and thoroughly studied report prepared by our senior members, Advisors and the council.



Welcome Address by the host Vice President, Zone-VI Shri Sunil Patil.

Minutes of the 11th Monthly Managing Committee Meeting held on 24th November 2015 at Hotel Anantha Executive, L.B.S. Marg, Bhandup [West], Mumbai 400078.

Proceedings

Address by the President

The President Shri Adarsh Shetty began the meeting and requested

Host Vice President Shri Sunil Patil to welcome the gathering.

Welcome Address by the host Vice President

Shri Sunil Patil warmly welcomed all the members to the 11th Monthly Managing Committee Meeting hosted by his Zone-VI. He thanked the members of his Zone for electing him as the Vice President of the Zone for consecutive four years. Shri Patil said that he was really happy to help and serve all the members in the best possible manner besides addressing their grievances. He also thanked all the members who stood along with him in discharging his duties and bringing a logical end to every problem. Shri Patil intimated all the members that the association started Free Health check up camp of employees as an experiment which has now spread to all zones with maximum employees taking benefit of it. Members of zone had borne the entire expenses of the camps through voluntary contributions. He said our President Shri Adarshanna's

vision of bringing all other hotel association of Maharashtra under a single platform is very a far reaching one. He also said that, based on his experience, especially in the wake of subdued actions by MCGM after the City Kinara Hotel incident, AHAR is the only association which can safeguard the interest of hoteliers.

He again sincerely thanked all Presidents, co-office bearers with whom he worked for their support and valuable guidance besides thanking the subcommittee chairmen for their support. On a closing note, Shri Sunil said that wherever he will be, he will be an AHARian and will lend support to any initiative of the Association because he belongs to it and the association belongs to him.

With his speech, Shri Sunil handed it over to the president to move forward with the agenda.

Confirmation of the minutes of the 10th Monthly Managing Committee Meeting held on 29.10.2015.

The Hon. Gen. Secretary Shri

Sukesh Shetty presented the minutes of the 10th managing committee meeting held on 29.10.2015.

The house confirmed the same. Approval for the minutes was proposed by Shri Shivaji Shetty and seconded by Shri K. K. Mahale.

Approval of accounts for October 2015.

The Hon. Treasurer Shri Shashidhar Shetty presented the Accounts for the month of October 2015. The House approved the same. Approval for accounts was proposed by Shri Navin Shetty and seconded by Shri Ratnakar Shetty.

To discuss and decide raising of Legal/Corpus Fund.

The President said that the only income of AHAR is membership fees and sponsorship and that these amounts were not sufficient to match the expenses. Heavy legal expenses have resulted in an unhealthy trend of excess of expenditure over income in the current year which should not continue. Accordingly, the

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(Continued from page 1) president said that that it was unanimously decided to raise a corpus through one time voluntary contribution from members. It was also suggested that the entire legal and overhead expenses can be taken care of through the interest accrued from the voluntary contribution. He also opined that when the association is fighting against the government

machinery, it requires senior counsels whose fees are much higher as against junior advocates so that the probability of winning the cases are high. He also invited opinions and suggestions from other members in this regard. The House unanimously agreed to raise a healthy corpus fund so that the association need not break and fall back on existing funds. The President said he will present the proposal for approval in the ensuing AGM. The house unanimously approved the proposal for fund raising proposed by Shri Prasad Shetty and seconded by Shri Bharat Thakur

Events of the Month

The President briefed that:

• In the present scenario it is necessary for Hoteliers to install CCTV, the footage will save the hoteliers in many issues of harassments and disputes. When CCTV is installed, even bad elements stay away. It is not a luxury but a necessity these days to keep a tab on the anti-social elements.

• The Restaurateur must check their fire fighting equipments and also the wiring and connection of their electrical installations on regular basis. It is necessary taking into consideration the recent fire in Dadar, Kandivili and other places. It is also necessary that the premises are adequately fire insured.

• Due to our efforts, Municipal Commissioner instructed Mumbai Fire Brigade to issue notifications regarding Fire Safety Guidelines

and simplified process for getting Fire NOC. The Commissioner also advised members to keep the same handy and strictly adhere to the conditions therein which are simple and can be easily followed.

• As per the advice of the Municipal Commissioner, we will be submitting a detailed booklet to Municipal Commissioner regarding need for abolition of many outdated NOCs, Licenses, Permissions etc., repeal of 394 license and amendment to many other rules.

• We will soon be presenting a cheque to the CM Drought Relief Fund as part of our Social responsibility. MP Shri Gopal Shetty and Shri Niranjan Shetty will accompany our delegation during the cheque presentation.

• The 36th AGM, which is the showcase event of AHAR, will be held on 16.12.2015 at Buntara Bhavan Auditorium. The president requested active participation of all members to make this event a grand success.

Presentation by Vice presidents

Zone I - Shri J. D. Shetty

We have 3 wards in our Zone. We met the AMC-B Ward who assured us that there will be no harassment and advised us to apply for fresh Fire NOC.

Zone II - Shri K. V. Shetty

Collected Rs. 2,85,000/- as membership fees so far and Rs. 1,05,000/- towards CM Drought relief Fund. We met AMC E and B ward. More than 45 hoteliers attended the meeting in each ward.

All important issues and grievances were discussed and explained. The meetings were very cordial and Positive. The AMC along with his team assured full co-operation. We also met 5 Asst. Commissioner of police and requested them to demand only 2 papers for renewal of RC and also to change the timing to up to 1.30 a.m. in the RC.

Zone III Shri Suresh Shetty

We met MOH, who requested us to put the Fire Compliance board, which is distributed to members. We have collected Rs. 50,000/- for CM Drought relief Fund.

Zone IV

Shri Sunil Shetty

Laxmi Hotel, Dadar, got NOC from Fire Brigade but other licenses are yet to be renewed. We met the DMC, who assured of doing the needful. A landmark judgment was also issued against MCGM in the Sign Board matter. We have collected Rs. 1,80,000/- in CM Drought Relief Fund and Rs. 1,32,000/- as membership fees.

Zone V

Shri Ravindranath Nire

We have collected Rs.35,000/- for legal fund, Rs.1,40,000/- for CM Drought relief Fund and Rs.2,60,000 as membership collection. Due to intervention of co-ordinator Shri Santosh R Shetty, the problem of non lifting of trade refusal by MCGM clean up vans has been solved.

Zone VI

Shri Sunil Shetty

Total Membership Collection so far has been Rs. 4,50,000/- while Rs. 2,00,000 has been collected for CM Drought Relief Fund. We conducted 6 Health and Eye Check-up camps in our Zone benefitting more than 1400 employees. We have managed to enroll 160 new members taking the total member count to 450 as on date.

Zone VII

Shri Rajan Shetty

We have collected Rs. 1,00,000/- for CM Drought Relief Fund, Rs. 7,00,00 for legal fund and Rs. 3,50,000 as membership. A fake molestation case in Salt & Pepper Hotel was attended to and sorted out.

Zone VIII

Shri Jagdish Shetty

After City Kinara Hotel Fire incident, 4 Restaurants were closed which were restarted due to our efforts. K/East AMC has requested the restaurants to beautify their front and rear portions, support for which will be provided by MCGM. Had corner meeting and collected Rs. 1,00,000/- for CM Drought relief Fund.

Zone IX

Shri Sudhakar T Shetty

A case of harassment and extortion by police constables of Andheri Police station has been attended. Met the ACP and DCP who assured to take necessary action. We have received complaints from 15 Restaurants in this regard. We have collected Rs. 5,75,000/- as membership fees and Rs. 2,00,000/- for CM Drought Relief Fund.

36th AGM

Shri Sudhakar T Shetty, Chairman, 36th AGM Committee

briefed the house that 54 stalls out of a total of 60 stalls have already been booked so far. United Spirits has committed to being the main sponsor. Pernod-Ricard and Investaac are the Co sponsors. The event will be supported by Bhandary Builders, Reliable Business Solutions, Prabhat Diary, Kings Beer, Diversey, Pespri and Coca Cola. The event will be powered by VKL.

He sought the support and co-operation of each and every member in making this event a grand success.

President

• Shri Sunil Patil, the host of the meeting is a real asset to AHAR. He is a 24x7 worker of AHAR, who has helped members not only from his zone but also of other zones. We will miss him in the next year but we will not miss his services. His introduction of Health Check up camp is a real boon for all the

employees.

• All the VPs should convene meeting with the Respective Asst Municipal Commissioner of wards falling under their Zone for a proper co-ordination and presentation of various grievances for redressal.

Felicitation

On the occasion the following Senior Hoteliers were also honoured.

1. Shri Ratnakar Shetty
2. Shri Raghuram Shetty
3. Shri Manohar Shetty
4. Shri Jayprakash Shetty
5. Shri Shivram Shetty

On the occasion Shri Sunil Patil, VP, was honoured by the members of his Zone.

Condolence

The House paid condolences to the following,

1. Shri Narhar Raghunath Ranade, founder, Yogeswari Bhojanalaya, Mulund on 6.11.2015.
2. Shri Bhoja V Shetty, Sarvodaya Refreshments Delisle Road on 6.11.2015.
3. Shri Sadhu Shetty, Vihar Coffee House, Churchgate & Opera house on 20.11.2015.

Stall Participation

1. Metro Cash & Carry
2. Ruchi Soya
3. Pet Pooja
4. Investaac
5. VKL
6. Reliable Business Solutions
7. Lodha Group
8. Diversey India Ltd
9. Mango
10. Parsell
11. Trident Food and Beverages
12. Trishant Food and Beverages

Vote of Thanks

The Meeting concluded with Vote of thanks by Shri Sukesh Shetty Hon. Gen. Secretary.

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Team AHAR 2014 - 15



Shri Arvind Shetty - President 2012-2014.



Shri Nitin R. Shetty Hon. Treasurer-2012-2014.



Shri Satish R. Shetty Hon. Jt. Secretary-2011-2014.



Shri Shivaji Shetty Vice President-2010-2014.



Shri Gangadhar N. Shetty - Vice President 2011-2014.



Shri Shailendra Shetty Vice President-2011-2014.



Shri Vilas Jhaveri Vice President-2012-2014.

Anti Corruption Trappers



Dr. Krishna Shetty, Shree RamVijay Hotel & Director of UKS Institute of Management.



Shri Ravi Jairam Shetty - Chicken Centre, Nana Chowk

AHAR felicitates Media



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the elected Managing Committee Members.

AHAR's aspiration to be a Federation for the Hospitality industry and a National level Federation. This vision has inspired a journey to transform AHAR into a vibrant engine of growth with ease of doing business, substantial and growing contribution to the smooth and seamless function of the hospitality industry which in turn propel the Indian economy.

It is the Association's belief that by making societal value creation a core strategic purpose, it has laid strong foundations for a future-ready Federation – an exemplary national enterprise committed to building enduring value for the industry and its stakeholders.

Brand AHAR: with the persistence efforts from AHAR many news and views are aired in TV channels including BBC and almost every news been regularly covered in the main line and vernacular publications. This helped leverage in the AHAR as a coveted brand.

Swachh Bharat: As part of the Prime Minister's mission on clean India. AHAR actively participated and implemented various innovative measures to avenge the ever increasing garbage and untidy environment. All the zones of AHAR participated in the national mission and ensured proper implementation.

MGL Issue: With the timely intervention and escalating the matter to senior officials of MGL Meter issues, Security Deposit issue and New connections has

been promptly addressed and helped fellow members.

Senior Citizen Issue: In a murder case of a senior Citizen wherein the fellow AHAR member who was not at fault, the Police



still arrested the entire staff of our fellow hotelier. Due to the swift action from the VP the case was solved. President advised all the members to keep a Bio-data and photograph of all the employees which will help the member in such circumstances.

Rent Act: One of the major achievements this year as a turnaround verdict came to help the Hotelier community as many of the member Hotels are situated at Pugree buildings and by implementing the Rent Act it would have been a big blow to the industry. The contribution of Dr. Chandrashekhar Prabhu Ex-MLA and Shri Viren Shah President FRTWA in handling the Rent Act was appreciated.

IDMA recognizes AHAR: AHAR as a nodal body is in co-ordel relation with various fellow Associations among them were Indian Drug Manufacturers'

Association (IDMA). AHAR supported them with the well researched facts about the implications of FSSAI in the Food and Drug industry which helped IDMA to win a landmark case. As token of appreciation and the support extended AHAR President was felicitated at their national convention.

Sign Board Judgment: Again AHAR is at forefront in appreciating the efforts taken by fellow member in bringing landmark judgments in the Sign Board case. The case was fought fearlessly and single handedly.

Writ Petition filed against Hawkers:

AHAR has been tirelessly protesting the mushrooming of hawkers' menace since long. AHAR is awaiting the implementation of the Supreme Court order banning cooking on roadside.

Mantra Residency issue: This was the most talked about topic in the media and a classic example of Police high handedness. Police Commissioner reprimanded the act by police officials and instructed that it is not the duty of the Police to look into the personal issues of two concurring adults inside the four walls of a room. The owner of the Mantra Residency Shri Harish Shetty showed immense courgae to challenge the illegal acts of the Police officials and AHAR extended full support to him.

CM's Drought Relief: AHAR has always been at the forefront in lending a helping hand whenever the need arouse. The drought issues is a serious matter and

as part of the Corporate Social Responsibility. AHAR is making a contingency fund for this matter and all the VPs of the respective zone are advised to collect funds for the CM's drought relief fund. This will be presented at an appropriate platform to CM.

Performance Bar Judgment: The contributions of Shri Bharat Thakur was appreciated and the judgment is a classic example of how effectively the case was fought for the rights of the industry and several landmark judgments from the Courts were won.

Kinara Hotel Gas Blast: An eye opening incident in which the young lives were lost is a case of serious thought and proper implementation of Fire Safety Audit from time to time and make every Hotel & Restaurant by displaying prominently "This Hotel / Restaurant is Fire compliance".

Corpus Fund: President in his closing remarks pointed out the need for raising Corpus Fund at a war footing manner to achieve the desired financial stability.

Felicitations

SSC & HSC students who secured highest marks in the final exams are also felicitated.

A sports person also felicitated on the occasion for achieving Gold Medal in an international Marathon event.

As many as thirteen Senior Hoteliers and seven Ex-Office bearers were felicitated for their contribution to the Hospitality

industry.

Noted politician and BJP Secretary Shri Sanjay Updhaya alongwith Shri Niranjn Shetty, AHAR Member and BJP spokesperson were felicitated for supporting AHAR in addressing various issues from time to time.

As a matter of respect AHAR felicitated Fellow Associations representatives from all over Maharashtra for the continuous support.



A cheque of Rs. 1,75,000/- was presented to **Ms. Abha Sharma, Dy. Director, National Association for Blind (NAB)** as part of the Corporate Social Responsibility.

Advisors spoke about various issues and challenges currently the industry is undergoing and the effective solutions to handle them.

To usher the event a Lucky Dip was announced and three winners were selected by the first lady Smt. Shilpa Adarsh Shetty.

The event was concluded with vote of thanks by Hon. Gen. Secretary Shri Sukesh Shetty followed by National Anthem and Cocktail & Dinner to all the members, guests and visitors

AHAR felicitates Shri Bharat Thakur, Chairman - Performance Bar



Shri M. D. Shetty addressing the audience during AHAR AGM

