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HRANI President takes up meets Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh



A delegation led by Sh. Sanjay Sood, President, Hotel and Restaurant Association of Northern India (HRANI) comprising of other members Mr. Sanjay Laul, Mr. Baljeet Singh, Mr. Sunil Bamba and Mr. Rajeev Chauhan met Sh. Jai Ram Thakur, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh. The delegation had a detailed discussion with the Hon'ble Minister on the concerning issues of Hospitality and Tourism Sector aiming for due consideration. [...Read More](#)

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

Uttar Pradesh gears up for UPIS - 2018

A review meeting chaired by Sh. Awanish Kumar Awasthi, Principal Secretary & Director General, Department of Tourism in the presence of Sh Kaushal Raj Sharma, District Magistrate, Lucknow and Sh. Akhand Pratap Singh, Special Secretary, Department of Tourism & Managing Director U.P with the other stakeholders of hospitality & tourism was held. Sh Surender Kumar Jaiswal, President, UPHRA & Hony Secretary, HRANI & FHRAI with other stakeholders attended the same. The meeting was held to take stock of the preparedness on the safety, security including hospitality arrangements and logistics for the event. [...Read More](#)



Surajkund Mela 2018 - Opens Doorway for visitors from 2 to 18 February



Haryana, UP government sign reciprocal transport agreement

Surajkund crafts mela is back again with another edition. The annual affair is being held in Surajkund in Faridabad district between 2nd to 18th February this year.

The mela gathers whole lot of regional and international crafts, handlooms and traditions along with the cuisines from various regions. It attracts more than a million of visitors from India and across the world. [...Read More](#)

Letters of Intent Under 'Adopt a Heritage' Project Handed over to 17 Agencies for 62 Monuments at Closing Ceremony of "Bharat Parv"



'Bharat Parv' recently concluded at the Red Fort (Lal Quila), Delhi in the presence of Shri K.J. Alphons, Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism and Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State (I/C) for Culture. The Parv was organized by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India at the Red Fort, Delhi from 26th to 31st January, 2018.

During the closing ceremony, under "Adopt a Heritage: Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan" project, Letters of Intent for 40 monuments to 9 agencies of Phase-II and Letters of Intent for 22 monuments to 8 agencies of Phase-III were handed over by the Minister of Culture and the Minister of Tourism. [...Read More](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

BUDGET 2018: HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY IGNORED

The Union Budget 2018-19 was presented by the Union Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley, on February 1, 2018. The Budget disappointed the hospitality sector, with a majority of their needs being ignored, and leaving them dependent on the impact of other sectors of the economy.



The Union Budget 2018 is a big disappointment for the tourism and hospitality sector overall. Tourism in India accounts for nearly approx 9.5 percent of GDP, and we have not seen specific allocation for this sector. "According to a KPMG report, the hospitality sector is expected to grow at a CAGR of 16.1 percent to reach Rs.2796.9 thousand crore in 2022. Despite having Hospitality as an asset at its disposal which can push up the country's growth, the Government has yet again chosen to ignore its potential," as always stated Mr Sood.

Sanjay Sood, President HRANI & EC Member, FHRAI

The hospitality industry has been repeatedly asking for infrastructure status which hasn't been mentioned this year as well. "Among the positives in the Budget is the Rs. 500 crore allocation for 'Operation Green' to promote Farmer Producers Organisations (FPOs), agri-logistics, processing facilities and professional management," Oberoi adds. He notes that focus on technology is very relevant in this digital age. "The Budget allocated to the Railways to the tune of Rs. 148, 528 crore to build infrastructure, laying tracks, Wi-Fi and CCTVs will help improve them. In tourism 10 prominent tourist sites will be made into national tourist sites. New Greenfield Airports are in the offing and building airport capacities to handle 1 billion trips can give a boost to connectivity. Post demonetisation and GST many hotels have become Non-Performing Assets (NPAs). We still await measures by the government to deal with NPAs. In totality, the Budget is more for the ease of living and not so much the ease of doing business. While the focus on healthcare and education is commendable, the biggest challenges to growth and employment generation are low credit off take and ease of doing business, neither have been supported by the Budget," Oberoi says. In totality, it is a mixed for hospitality



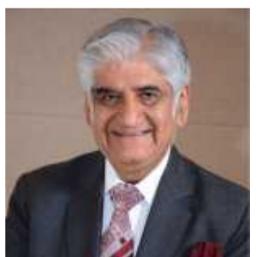
Garish Oberoi, President FHRAI & Treasurer, HRANI



The hospitality industry, which had huge expectations from Union Budget 2018, has found itself in an unchanged situation, still continuing to be the most taxed industry, globally, and not being able to compete with the immensely successful neighbouring countries. Year after year FHRAI has presented the pre-Budget memorandum relentlessly and tirelessly to the Finance Ministry, but seldom does it pay heed to all the efforts put in by the industry. The few only mention that comes about tourism industry in the Union Budget is the proposal to develop 10 prominent tourist destinations; focus on infrastructure, such as introducing sea planes, 99 smart cities, enhanced experience at 110 Adarsh monuments, airport expansion are certain positive proposals but isn't adequate said Mr Jaiswal.

Surendra Kumar Jaiswal, Hony Secretary, FHRAI & HRANI

Hon'ble Finance Minister has tried to emphasise on health, security and education. Also done balancing to promote growth with better reforms for brighter future for India. He has introduced L.T.C.G. by limiting it to 10% is an excellent move. He has tried to boost rural economy by introducing measures for better livelihood. Reductions of Corporate Tax rate to 25% is a welcoming step for Corporate Companies having turnover upto 250 crores and improve ease of doing business. On the whole budget looks good for future growth. However, for Tourism sector the Hon'ble Finance Minister has once again totally ignored Tourism and its potential. All our demands in the pre-budget memorandum are left hanging and remain unaddressed. For us at Tourism is a lacklustre exercise without even making a mention of it in the budget is the overall general reaction to the budget 2018-2019 of Mr. Rajindera Kumar.



Rajindera Kumar, EC Member, FHRAI & HRANI

About Us

Hotel and Restaurant Association of Northern India (HRANI) is the northern wing of the Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI) - an apex body of the hospitality sector. HRANI, founded in 1950 by Legend Rai Bahadur M.S. Oberoi, represents hotels, restaurants, tourism industry & travel trade of all nine states of Northern India i.e. Delhi, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Chandigarh and Uttar Pradesh. It was conceived with an idea to give Hoteliers and Restaurateurs in Northern India a common forum for interaction. With an active membership base from the hospitality industry and allied sectors, HRANI is assisting its members to create a conducive environment to tap the vast potential of hospitality industry in Northern India.

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