



President's Message

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Restaurant Associations of
India]

AREA

West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha
Assam, Jharkhand, Meghalaya,
Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland,
Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura,
and The Andaman & Nicobar
Islands.



HRAEI Newsletter 2014

Dear All,

It is the time of year when we must bring to close the 2013 chapter and embark on a wholly unknown 2014 hoping for the best and a better year, business wise, than the last.

2013 has been plagued by natural calamities. The incessant monsoons and coastal typhoons have played havoc in Odisha, South Bengal and Bihar. Hopefully, we will emerge wounded but not defeated and in better shape to meet the challenges of 2014. Political unrest in the north eastern states has been a concern and we have appealed to the respective state governments for greater protection to our fraternity and members. The general slowdown in the economy has affected our industry. This past year has been a low point in terms of occupancy which hopefully will pick-up in 2014 with the right impetus from our Government and various stakeholders.

At the HRAEI, we have a new Secretary General (Mr. Partha Pratim Dutta). He has the right credentials for improvement in our office administration and our interaction with various Government and Civic bodies and overall connect with FHRAI and varied industry bodies. Please extend to him your whole hearted cooperation and support in helping him settle into his new assignment.

We at HRAEI are in the process of locating premises for a food testing laboratory to be set up by Dr. Pashupati. This has become essential as FSSAI kicks in this year and Dr. Pashupati is an expert on the laws governing it and its requirements. Besides which, we require an independent accredited laboratory which can give us a true result of food testing.

As far as the Bengal Chapter is concerned, our efforts to get an appointment with the Finance Minister who is also in charge of Excise have been delayed due to the shift of office from Writer's Building to Nabanna. Exorbitant enhancements in excise duties, taxes and licence fees were some points in the agenda to be discussed. We need to impress and emphasize that these increases would in the long run, hamper future revenue collections and discourage expansion and development of the Hotel and Restaurant Industry. Unfortunately, our appeals to the Tourism Minister, Excise Commissioner and Police Commissioner, in reference to dry days, closing hours and traffic restrictions have not yielded expected results. Hopefully, with persistence and giving examples of steps taken in Maharashtra, we will try and achieve some headway.

We look forward to your suggestions on the inputs that we could suggest to the various state governments for consideration in their forthcoming budgets.

Wishing all of you a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Regards,

Deepak Puri

Hotel & Restaurant Association of Eastern India

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Mr Mahabir Prasad Agarwal, Special Invitee Co-opted, HRAEI. Central Hotel, Managing Director, Gangtok

CIRCULARS SENT TO HRAEI MEMBERS

- ❖ MDA-Guidelines-Revised. January 3, 2014.
- ❖ Obtaining licences for musical events. December 30, 2013.
- ❖ Voluntary Compliance Encouragement Scheme (VCES) 2013 relating to Service Tax. December 9, 2013.
- ❖ World Tourism Day. September 27, 2013.



Indians love a good cup of tea (chai). India is the largest producer of tea, contributing over 30% of the world's tea. However, most of it is consumed by Indians themselves. The tourism officials in India have recently launched a new branch of tourism called "Tea Tourism", in hopes of drawing British visitors to their country. They're luring Brits with their favorite brew: tea. Many plantations in West Bengal and Assam have developed accommodations, from simple cottages to five-star resorts, for guests. You can stay on a tea estate and tour the tea factories. If you're a tea lover, don't miss visiting these places where you'll find the best tea plantations and tea.

A tea estate is a perfect domicile in nature's lap. For the city dwellers, a tea estate would be a real treat to the eye, an apt location for relaxing the tired mind, totally an ideal place to spend a holiday. The idea is to provide a person, who lives far away from nature, deprived of things that nature offers, a chance to reside in a completely natural environment.

TEA TOURISM



Growth of Tourism in the year 2013

Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs): Despite negative signals from the global economy, the number of foreign tourist arrivals in the country in 2013 showed an increase of about 4.1% over 2012. During the period January-December 2013, 68.48 lakh (Provisional) tourists visited India against 65.78 lakh in 2012.

Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) from Tourism: Foreign exchange earnings from tourism in rupee terms during 2013 were Rs.1,05,836 crore (Provisional) with a growth of 12.0% over the same period in 2012. The foreign exchange earnings during 2012 was to the tune of Rs.94,487 crore.



FSSAI - Extension upto 4th February,2014.

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Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

FDA Bhavan, Kotla Road,
New Delhi-110002
5th February, 2013

STATUTORY ADVISORY

Subject: Extending time line upto 4th February, 2014 for the Food business Operators to obtain license / registration under the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food business) Regulations, 2011 .

In continuation of the statutory advisory dated 25.7.2012 issued by this Authority, it has been decided to extend the timeline to 4th February, 2014 for FBOs seeking conversion/renewal of their existing licenses and also for FBOs who have not obtained licenses/registration under the new Act.

To
All Food Safety Commissioners of States/ UTs.

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DD-21, Sector-1, Salt Lake
Kolkata-700064

1 Love Lock
1, Love Lock Street
Kolkata-700019

Pallavi International Hotel
Hathwa Regency, 10E, Picasso Bithi,
Hungerford Street
Kolkata-700017

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2/1, Marquis Street
Kolkata-700016



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Purbamednipur-721455

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