

Seminar and Panel on Tourism & Hospitality

Topic: FOCUS and NAIL DOWN “TOP 5” Bottlenecks in the state to promote Micro/Mass Tourism

Venue: Hotel Crown, Bhubaneswar

Date: 17th December 2011

Time: 3PM

Members Present:

1. Mr. J.K.Mohanty, Chairman of HRAO.The Swosti Group
2. Mr. Pran S. Dasan, Country Head, Fly Dubai.
3. Dr. C.R.Das,
4. Mr. Debasis Patnaik, Director, The Crown.
5. Mr. T. Ao ,IAS, Director, Tourism Department, Govt. Of Odisha

Mr. Debasis Patnaik initiated the meeting with introduction to the speakers.

Dr. C.R.Das said some valuable words regarding how environmental clearance is a most important factor at the time of setting up of new business and all the parameters for getting environmental clearance after that he also highlighted some important points like land acquisition, water facility, solid waste management system, etc.

One presentation regarding Solar concentrator was also made by Mr. Raman Nagrajan from Absolicon company,Sweden. He discussed on how only one solar system is needed in order to produce both **electricity and heat**.

Director,Tourism Department, Government of Odisha started his talk by giving thanks to Invest Bhubaneswar group and telling about roles and responsibility of Tourism Department. He also discussed about tourism development in Odisha. He expressed his concern regarding the problem areas like unavailability of International Airport in Odisha, unavailability of more developed infrastructure and lack of entrepreneur to invest in this sector.

Mr. J.K. Mohanty , Chairman of Hotel and Restaurant Association of Odisha, discussed about Odisha's culture and tourism places. Also he requested to Government for making more advertise about all the tourism places in our state to attract more visitors and he told that already they have given a proposal to Government of Odisha for identification of land for development of Hotels and Restaurant.

Finally Mr. Pran Desai from Fly Dubai shared his views and thoughts about Odisha tourism.He said tourism is nothing about travel so before tourism it needs to develop the travelling system but till now Odisha doesn't have an International Airport so he discussed with the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Odisha regarding this matter and also gave a proposal to start their business in Odisha.

Also he showed some statistical reports regarding visitors coming to India as well as Odisha. Mr. J.K.Mohanty told to all the Invest Bhubaneswar group to put pressure on the Government for giving approval to Fly Dubai to start their business as soon as possible.

Mr. Debasis Patnaik presented with mementos to all the members.

The meeting ended with thanks to Chair.