



7th HAI Hoteliers' Conclave
4th May 2026, Taj Palace New Delhi
Theme : "Re-Engineering Hospitality"

PROGRAMME

0930 hrs. – 1030 hrs.

REGISTRATION

INAUGURAL SESSION

1030 – 1115 HRS

Lighting of Lamp

Welcome Address

Shri M. P. Bezbaruah

Secretary General & Member, Executive Committee
Hotel Association of India

Opening Address

Shri K.B. Kachru

President, Hotel Association of India &
Chairman – South Asia, Radisson Hotel Group

**Special Address/
Message**

***Shri Narendra Modi**

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Inaugural Address

Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Hon'ble Minister of Tourism

Vote of Thanks

Shri Rohit Khosla

Vice President, Hotel Association of India & Conclave Convener
Executive Vice President (Ops), IHCL

PLENARY SESSION – I: VIEW FROM THE TOP – LEADERSPEAK

1120 – 1210 Hrs.

Moderator

***Ms. Shereen Bhan Managing Editor of CNBC-TV18**

Panelists (1200 – 1245 Hrs)

1. **Ms. Priya Paul** Chairperson, Apeejay Surrendra Park Hotels Ltd.
2. **Mr. Vikram Oberoi** Managing Director & CEO, EIH Ltd.
3. **Mr. Patanjali G. Keswani**, Chairman & Managing Director,
Lemon Tree Hotels Limited
4. **Mr. Anil Chadha**, Managing Director, ITC Hotels Ltd.
5. ***Mr. Puneet Chhatwal**, Managing Director & CEO,
The Indian Hotels Company Limited

Questions & Answers



**PLENARY SESSION – II : FIRESIDE CHAT WITH *AMITABH KANT
India's G20 Sherpa & Former CEO of Niti Aayog
1215 – 1250 Hrs.**

Moderator Dr. Jyotsna Suri, Chairperson & MD,
Bharat Hotels Limited

Questions & Answers

**PLENARY SESSION – III : ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – APPLICATIONS IN HOSPITALITY
1255- 1330 Hrs.**

Moderator Mr. Ajay K. Bakaya, Chairman, Sarovar Hotels Pvt. Ltd.

Panelists

1. Mr. Rajesh Magow, Co-Founder & Group CEO, MakeMyTrip
2. Mr. Ravish Swarup, Founder, Praxis

Questions & Answers

**LUNCH
1330 – 1430 Hrs.**

**PLENARY SESSION – IV : FIRESIDE CHAT ON LEADERSHIP WITH CRICKET LEGEND
KAPIL DEV
1440 Hrs-1525 Hrs.**

Moderator Mr. Rajdeep Dilip Sardesai, Consulting Editor &
Prime-Time Anchor for the India Today Group

Questions & Answers

**PLENARY SESSION – V : NEW AGE FOOD & BEVERAGE
1530 – 1615 Hrs.**

Moderator Mr. Raaj Sanghvi, CEO Culinary Co.

Panelists

1. Chef Nikhil Nagpal, Avartana, ITC Grand Chola Chennai
2. Chef Naren Thimmaiah, Karavalli, Taj Vivanta, Bangalore
3. Chef Varun Totlani, Masque & Paradox Bar, Mumbai
4. Chef Doma Wang, Founder, The Blue Poppy, Kolkata
5. Chef Shubham Thakur, The Leela Palace, New Delhi

Questions & Answers



**PLENARY SESSION – VI : TALENT ACQUISITION , INCLUSION & RETENTION
1620 – 1705 Hrs.**

**Moderator
Keynote Speaker**

**Mr. Zubin Saxena, SVP, Region Head – South Asia
Hilton Hotels Management India Pvt. Ltd.**

Panelists

1. Mr. Keshav Suri, Executive Director,
The Lalit Suri Hospitality Group
- 2.
- 3.

Questions & Answers

**PLENARY SESSION – VII: LEADING LADIES OF HOTEL OPERATIONS
1710 – 1755 Hrs.**

Moderator

**Ms. Sonali Chauhan General Manager, The Connaught,
New Delhi – IHCL SeleQtions**

Panelists

1. Ms. Meena Bhatia, Vice President & General Manager
Le Meridien, New Delhi
2. Ms. Amandeep Kaur, General Manager
ITC Gardenia Bengaluru
3. Ms. Asha Sidhu, General Manager, Vivanta Gurgoan
4. *Ms. Swati Srivastava, General Manager,
The Oberoi Cecil, Shimla

Questions & Answers

**PLENARY SESSION – VIII : MICE/ WEDDING TOURISM
1800 – 1845 Hrs.**

Moderator

**Mr. Rohit Khosla, Vice President, HAI & Conclave Convener
Executive Vice President (Ops), IHCL**

Panelists:

1. Mr. Mahesh Shirodkar, MD, Tamarind Global
2. Mr. Chetan Vohra, Co-Founder, Director Weddingline
Events & Hospitality Pvt. Ltd.

Questions & Answers



**CONCLUDING SESSION
1850 – 1910 Hrs.**

Special Addresses by *Dr. Srivatsa Krishna, Secretary (Tourism) Government of India

Questions & Answers

**CONCLUDING SESSION – VOTE OF THANKS BY Dy. SECRETARY GENERAL, HAI
1915 – 1920 Hrs.**

**DINNER HOSTED BY HAI PRESIDENT
1930 Hrs. Onwards**

**To be Confirmed*

*** Programme is subject to change*