



**7<sup>th</sup> HAI Hoteliers' Conclave**  
**18<sup>th</sup> September 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**

**To be notified**

**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. Mr. Natwar Nagar, Founder & CEO,**  
**The People Network/The Job Plus**
- 3. Ms. Sonica Malhotra, Joint Managing Director,**  
**MBD Group**
- 4. Dr. Viswanath Joshi, EVP, Head – People & Culture (India)**  
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**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 Gurgaon**
- 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 Address by \*Mr. Bhuvnesh Kumar (IAS), 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*