

HRAWI Launches Knowledge Series with Inaugural Session on Hospitality Regulations in Pune

The Hotel And Restaurant Association (Western India) – HRAWI is set to launch its Knowledge Series – I, a comprehensive full-day learning session designed to equip hospitality professionals with the latest regulatory and policy updates for the sector. The inaugural edition will be held on Thursday, 12th February 2026 at Amanora – The Fern | Series by Marriot, in Pune.

The timely initiative aims to address the evolving compliance landscape, covering critical topics such as the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Rules, GST updates, Labour Codes and Tourism Policy. The session is structured to provide actionable insights and promote meaningful dialogue between industry stakeholders and subject-matter experts.

In a rapidly changing regulatory environment, continuous learning is not optional — it is essential for sustainability and growth. The Knowledge Series is designed to bridge the information gap and empower hospitality leaders with the clarity and confidence needed to navigate compliance requirements effectively.

Ernst & Young (E&Y) is the Official Knowledge Partner for this series. The Knowledge Series will be conducted every month across various towns and cities in the western region.

Session Speakers:

Labour Codes

-Mr. Tarun Pandey, Partner – Labour Code, Ernst & Young

-Mr. Anshul Shukla, Director – Business Consulting, Ernst & Young

DPDP Act & Information Security

-Mr. Abhijit Parab, Partner – Cybersecurity, Ernst & Young

GST

-Mr. Siddhartha Jain, Partner, Ernst & Young

-Mr. Akshit Saraogi, Director, Global Trade and Customs, Indirect Tax, Ernst & Young

Tourism Policy

CA Julfesh Shah, Chairman, COSIA Vidarbha Former Vice-Chairman, WIRC of ICAI, Former Chairman, ICAI Nagpur, Maharashtra

The series will feature expert presentations, panel discussions and interactive Q&A sessions, offering participants practical guidance on best practices and implementation. It is tailored for hotel owners, general managers, compliance heads, restaurateurs and senior hospitality professionals across the western region.

This is more than a seminar — it is a strategic platform for capacity building. Whether it is understanding recent amendments in law or preparing for upcoming policy shifts, the session will provide valuable takeaways to enhance operational resilience and regulatory adherence.