

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

## Hotel Association of India (HAI) supports Chhattisgarh Govt to Promote Tourism & Hospitality

**New Delhi, November, 2025:** The Hotel Association of India (HAI), the apex body of India's hospitality sector, reaffirmed its commitment to supporting tourism-led development in Chhattisgarh at the Chhattisgarh Tourism Investor Connect 2025. The keynote address by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Shri Vishnu Deo Sai highlighted the unexplored beauty, vibrant culture, diverse tourism offerings and investment opportunities in the State. HAI Secretary General, Mr. M. P. Bezbaruah, and Deputy Secretary General, Ms. Charulata Sukhija, also had a constructive meeting with the Chairman of the Chhattisgarh Tourism Board and the Secretary Tourism to discuss avenues for deeper industry-government partnership.

While commending the State's Policy 2024-2030 for the hotel sector, HAI team outlined its vision and key national initiatives for the sector. These include GST rationalization and providing infrastructure status to the sector at the Centre. At the State level, supportive policies such as industry benefits for hotels, rationalised utility tariffs and property tax rates, easier financing, and improved ease of doing business are imperative for the rapid expansion of the sector. Skilling is another aspect that can further strengthen the sector. HAI continues to advocate for strong public–private partnerships with regular engagement and expressed its commitment to explore opportunities to collaborate with the Chhattisgarh government in unlocking the state's tourism potential.

Chhattisgarh has shown a strong growth outlook with investment proposals exceeding ₹6,321 crore in industry and ₹505 crore in tourism, reinforcing its potential both as an emerging industrial hub and a compelling tourism destination. The State Government is clearly focused on diversifying the economy, strengthening infrastructure, and leveraging its rich natural and cultural assets to attract travellers and investors alike.