

HOTELS SEEK 5 AM DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S EVE

MUMBAI: The Hotel and Restaurant Association Western India (HRAWI) wrote a letter to the state demanding hotels, restaurants, and bars should be allowed to remain open for business till 5 am on three festive days December 24, 25, and 31.

The representation was sent to Radhika Rastogi, principal secretary, home department; Rajnish Seth, state director general of police, and Vivek Phansalkar, Mumbai commissioner of police.

In 2022 the state had allowed restaurants and bars to remain open till 5 am.

"Restaurants are an integral part of Christmas and New Year celebrations, and the festive season attracts many tourists to cities and towns, and celebrations go late into the night. The extension of timelines consistently will lead to a larger number of seasonal tourist inflow to the State," Pradeep Shetty, president, HRAWI, said. **HTC**

