

## Western India's hospitality convention underway

The 19th Regional Convention of the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Western India (HRAWI), the region's largest hospitality convention, got underway in Nashik on October 7 at the Radisson Blu hotel here to provide excellent opportunities for industry professionals to network with members, vendors, consultants, and other professionals from the hospitality industry. The convention concludes on Oct 9.

The event has brought together key policy-makers, government representatives, investors, and industry veterans who are sharing their valuable insights and experiences during a series of business sessions for both the hotel and restaurant industries.

Before the 1983 World Cup, captain Kapil Dev had famously stated in response to a question, "We are here to win". Following that, India had gone on to achieve what had seemed impossible - lift the World Cup! Former



Indian cricket captain Dilip Vengsarkar, who was a part of that squad, speaking at the inaugural function said that he believed the hotel and restaurant industry would be successful in bouncing back in the post-Covid era, if they followed the same motto 'We are here to win'.

Lamenting that the hotel industry in India is the most expensive among South Asian countries due to the high GST rates, President Pradeep Shetty stated, "The hotel and restaurant industries are expecting serious government assistance.

The GST rates, as well as the country's marketing abroad, should be competitive."