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It is pleasure to know that the Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI) is hosting its 55th Annual Convention in Bengaluru, with the theme "Future Scape 2047 – Redefining Hospitality for a New India."

As India progresses confidently towards its centenary of independence in 2047, the hospitality and tourism sector will play a vital role in shaping the vision of a developed, inclusive, and globally competitive nation. Hospitality is more than an industry – it is an expression of India's age-old values of Atithi Devo Bhava, and a powerful medium through which the world experiences our culture, diversity, and warmth.

The theme of this year's convention rightly reflects the need to reimagine and transform the sector to align with the aspirations of Viksit Bharat. Innovation, sustainability, digitalization, and skill development will be the key drivers that redefine the future of Indian hospitality, making it more resilient, dynamic, and globally relevant.

I am confident that the deliberations at FHRAI's Annual Convention will generate valuable insights and actionable strategies that will contribute meaningfully to the sector's growth. As the industry adapts to new challenges and opportunities, it must continue to uphold excellence in service, promote responsible tourism, and contribute to employment and entrepreneurship across the country.

I convey my best wishes to the organizers and participants for a successful and impactful convention.

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