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Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI) on hosting its 55th Annual Convention – Futurescape 2047: Redefining Hospitality for a New India.

Since its inception in 1955, FHRAI has served as the credible voice of India's hospitality sector, offering an effective interface with all stakeholders. Moving ahead as we march toward Viksit Bharat 2047, hospitality will be one of the defining pillars of India's global identity. So, I perceive it more than just an industry, it is a symbol of India's warmth, diversity and the age-old tradition of 'Atithi Devo Bhava'.

As an enabler for the hospitality sector, our expanding international and regional air connectivity is welcoming everyone to experience India like never before. From 2014 to 2024, Indian carriers have increased international flights from 1.15 lakh to over 2 lakhs, while domestic flights have grown from 6 lakh to 11 lakh annually. With 162 operational airports today and a roadmap to expand to 350–400 by 2047, I see the aviation sector of New India as a powerful catalyst for the rise of a New-age hospitality ecosystem.

For this, I envision a future where Hospitality 4.0 is seamlessly integrated into every step of the traveler's journey, while staying rooted in India's warmth and culture. And I appreciate how FHRAI is playing the leading role in encouraging the country's hospitality sector for adoption of digital tools and technology.

I am confident that FHRAI's 55th Annual Convention will be a grand success, furthering technological advancements in the hospitality sector. Let us work together to ensure that India's hospitality experience is not just world-class, but uniquely Indian.

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