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FOREWORD

I he month of April kicked off to a vibrant start with the Utsav at MAHE. As I mentioned earlier, students put their best foot forward and bagged a couple of prizes. My faculty members are no less in energy and competitive spirit and put up a cultural extravaganza at this event. Ms Shammy Shiri conducted a session on "Managing change at Workplace" and "Developing Interpersonal skills for Success" for the students from MHMCT. She engaged students with various fun activities to drive home the essence of the topics. WGSHA WAVE: Student Engagement Empowerment Program 2.0 was organized by inviting Mr Ben Joseph, General Manager, Hilton Garden Inn Arlington Courthouse Plaza, Virginia and our proud alumnus on the topic "Back to the future". We invited faculty from our sister institution Ar. Shantanu Chitgopkar is an Associate Manipal School Professor at the Architecture and Planning who stressed on the topic Design: Restaurants and Guest rooms. Mr Chitnaya VK, Service engineer, Karcher cleaning systems India spoke about the Safe housekeeping practices while handling mechanical equipment.

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Digital and Social media conducted Photo Walk, and MAIC students organized a mini brunch and the experience was quite memorable.

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WGSHA Entrepreneurship Development Cell participated with lot of enthusiasm in the Manipal Entrepreneurship Summit (MES).

Chef Thomas Zacharias and Chef Husain Shahzadi brought laurels to themselves and their alma mater by ranking 12th and 10th among India's most reputed top 30 chefs.



Dr. (Chef) K. Thirugnanasambantham Principal, WGSHA

Utsav Lite 2022

Students and faculty team performed cultural show at Utsav Lite 2022 an annual event held at MAHE







WGSHA Principal Dr. (Chef) K Thiru and Chef Dayananda were felicitated for coordinating the Cooking Competitions held for Utsav Lite 2022



won 3rd place in Cartooning competition



Pranav Bhardwaj, 11th Course B.A. (Culinary Arts) won 2nd place in Standup Comey competition

Developing Interpersonal Skills For Success



The first session of "Managing Change in the Workplace" series was held on 9th April 2022 for the students of MHMCT 2nd Course. The session was conducted by Ms. Shammy Shiri a National Trainer, a life coach, a counselor, and an HR consultant. Her philanthropic skills make her unique and distinct in mentoring people.

The session included discussions about what is change, why do we resist change, and how to manage change in a healthy way. The students were engaged with numerous fun activities that were aimed at providing a deeper understanding of the topic.

The reason behind why it is difficult to implement change as managers in Large organizations was the one that the participants

were most interested in. Ms. Shammy went on to discuss the process of change and gave tips on what a manager should do to implement change in a seamless way. Activities that engaged the students enlightened them on the importance of understanding themselves to be able to accept change and be a change maker; and enabling the participants to give and accept constructive criticism to become effective leaders. The session ended with a case study that the students can work on to effectively reflect on the learning from the session.





The second session was organized on 23rd April 2022 about developing interpersonal skills for success ace for the students of MHM. This was a 6 hours session where along with learning very important lessons, students took part in many fun activities. Ms. Shammy started the session by emphasizing the importance of learning the basics correctly and building a foundation for your knowledge. Through her first activity for the day, she explained the importance of listening to your teammates to be an effective leader, how to utilize resources efficiently, and the power of communication.

It was a great activity to lighten the mood and energize the students. With the help of the second activity, the students understood the importance of analyzing a situation and then estimating the resources required.

The next activity emphasized the importance of our tone and body language during communication. The two-way discussion went on between the students and Ms. Shammy about the verbal and non-verbal cues of communication. Another activity enlightened the students on how to deal with work-life situations when the supervisor is vague about the expectations of the assigned task. Lastly, with the help of a very energizing and fun activity, the whole class played a game with the learning that we should learn from other's mistakes and move ahead on our career path. The session was a success by achieving the goal of learning made fun by giving students valuable understanding of work-life situations while the students had fun.

WGSHA WAVE 3.0 with Mr. Ben Joseph



The second episode of the Student Engagement and Empowerment Program (SEEP) was organized on 12 April 2022 at 7 PM. The theme of this episode was "Back To The Future" and the guest speaker was Mr. Ben Joseph, General Manager, Hilton Garden Inn Arlington Courthouse Plaza, Virginia, and a proud alumnus of 8th Course BHM. The session was moderated by Mr. Giridhar Balaji of 34th Course BHM. Mr. Ben Joseph started the session by talking about his journey post-WGSHA. He spoke about the challenges he faced during the testing times of Covid-19 where the hotel had to lay off a major chunk of employees and he had to manage the hotel with staffing of only 10 people. He also spoke about how supportive and motivated his team was during these times. An avid reader himself, he explained how students can develop their leadership and team collaborative skills by gaining knowledge through books and other available sources. He said we must lead by example and shared his philosophy of leadership which was quite inspirational. He gave insights on how to manage people efficiently by respecting them and their work. He also spoke about how we should not change our core personality for the sake of work as it defines who we are. He gave an idea of the career opportunities in the hotel industry. The session ended with a fun-filled rapid-fire session where he spoke about his favourite faculty in WGSHA, how he would have been a coach if not a hotelier, etc. The session had many takeaways and the attendees on Instagram appreciated the session.

Design: Restaurant & Guest Rooms

Ar. Shantanu Chitgopkar is an Associate Professor at the Manipal School of Architecture and Planning for the past 8 years and has a vast experience of 21+ years in the industry. During his tenure, he has engaged in diverse issues and has worked on hotels, hospitals, exhibition spaces, and industrial buildings. In today's fast-evolving world, sustainability has become a pressing issue for any project.



WGSHA has invited Ar. Shantanu Chitgopkar to brief the 3rd year BHM students on how to design a sustainable restaurant".



To shed light on the fundamentals of designing rooms from concept to actualization, a workshop was organized from 25th to 30th April 2022, for 3rd-year BHM students.

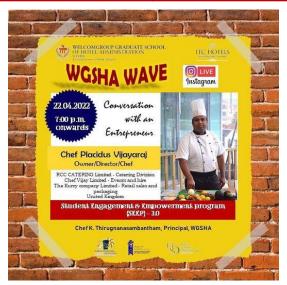
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Safe housekeeping practices while handling mechanical equipment



As part of the Accommodation Operations syllabus, students of 35th-course BHM attended an insightful session on "Safe housekeeping practices while handling mechanical equipment - 2.0" conducted by Mr. Chitnaya VK, Service engineer, Karcher cleaning systems India. Through this session, students learned about the Karcher BD4340 auto scrubber's various applications which range from simple suction to floor polishing, to the precautions required to maintain the machine's long life.

WGSHA WAVE 3.0 with Chef Placidus Vijayraj



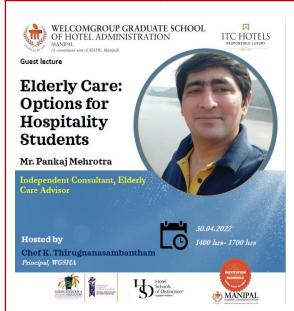
After successfully completing the last three sessions of the "Student Engagement and Empowerment" (SEEP) program, the 3rd episode of SEEP Instagram Live was held on 22nd April 2022 at 7 pm.

In this episode, we had our beloved WGSHA alumnus from the 8th Course (BHM), Chef Placidus Vijayraj, Owner/Director/Chef of RCC CATERING Limited - Catering division, Chef Vijay Limited - Events and hire, and The Kurry company Limited, the United Kingdom who shared his career journey.

This live event was hosted by our student Ms. Sucharita of the 10th Course B.A. (Culinary Arts)

30 April 2022

Elderly care: Options for hospitality students



A session on "Elderly care: Options for hospitality students" was organized for the students of MHM 2nd course. Mr. Pankaj Mehrotra, who is a senior living consultant, was the resource person. Considering the increasingly greying population, this emerging niche sector holds promise as an attractive career option for hospitality students. Mr. Mehrotra started with aging the challenges that come with Subsequently, he went on to discuss the preferences of the elder generation regarding living conditions and situations. The students were able to learn by relating to elders in their own homes and were therefore able to gain a personal and unique understanding of the issues that come with elderly care. Mr. Mehrotra shed some light on residential categories and formats for the seniors that are being followed in India and other countries. He explained the importance, need, and the

emergence of technology through smart homes for the elderly.

The session went into details and specifics of the technologies that can be used and are currently being used considering all the challenges. The amenities and features required for senior living was also discussed briefly. The students got to know about the opportunities for hospitality professionals in this sector. Mr. Mehrotra discussed options like project management, multipurpose senior living facilities, having rooms in hotels as respite centers, and, food and catering services for elderly needs to name a few. The session ended with a very insightful Q&A round.

Workshop on Chocolate and Plated Desserts



The workshop was conducted by Chef Nandheetha Varadarajan, Pastry Chef, Instructor, Consultant & R&D Chef for Soklet (Indian Chocolate Brand) WGSHA - alumna of the 2nd Course of BA Culinary Arts.

She has completed a Diploma in Patisserie from Le Cordon Bleu Canada. Whilst pursuing her diploma, she worked with a German Master Pastry Chef and honed her chocolate skills. Back in India, she joined Lavonne Academy, Bangalore as a Pastry Chef Instructor, where she realised her love for teaching. Along the way she has assisted various international chefs like Chef Andres Lara, Chef Frank Haasnoot and many more





A mini brunch organised by 1st Course MAIC



The 1st Batch of students of M.A Indian Cuisine and Food Culture (MAIC) hosted on 24th April 2022, Sunday a mini #brunch in #WGSHA mess as a part of the module Mahabhoj headed by Chef Balasubramaniam.

The preparations started a day prior and continued until the next morning. The brunch was served from 11.30 a.m to 2.00 p.m. The brunch menu included a refreshing watermelon cooler along with a wide choice of assorted salads. Live counters were set up for Tempura, Dabeli, Samosa chat, Omelette and Khao Suey. The food spread also included mutton and vegetable biryani served along with mint and garlic raita, salan, assorted bread and paneer Lahori.

A separate Indian dessert section was set up that offered options like Mysore pak, Gulkand Gulab Jamun with Vanilla Ice cream, Cut fruits and Lively made Crispy hot Jalebi. The event received amazing feedback on the food from the students and the student's Chefs got hands-on memorable experience in volume catering and brunch service.

Workshop on Bartending



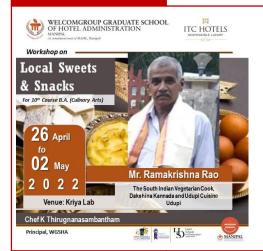




The students of WGSHA had an opportunity to attend a bartending workshop conducted by the Flair Mania Bartending Academy (FMBA) from 25th to 30th April 2022. It gave the students to enhance their basic knowledge of bartending and experience advanced bar juggling and flaring. The trainers started off by speaking about the basics of bartending, spirits, cocktails and more. The instructor also spoke to the students about the wide array of career opportunities the students can have in the beverage industry. Then, they taught the students how to prepare both classic and innovative cocktails while demonstrating tricks and tips that can be used behind the bar. They ended the session by the most mesmerizing display of bar juggling and flair by a World Record Holder and her trainee. It was an informative and enriching experience for the students of WGSHA.

Workshop on

Local Sweets and Snacks



Mr Ramakrishna Rao, The South Indian Vegetarian Cook, with a specialization in Dakshina Kannada and Udupi Cuisine, started his career at an early age and served various catering establishments. Further, he moved to Darmavaram in Andrapradesh and worked for 8 years. With the vast experience of more than 38 years in the field of catering and temple cooking, he will be exhibiting his caliber in the field of cooking for the Culinary students at WGSHA

Mr. Rao would be on the WGSHA campus from 26th April 2022 to enhance the learning of students about local Sweets and Savouries.

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Affiliation to Hotel Chain: IHCL



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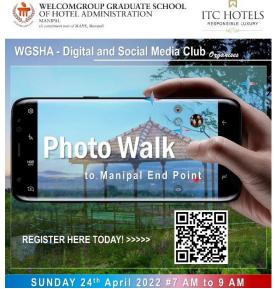
Waste To Wonder by On the Rocks Club





On the Rocks Club, Department of Food & Beverage Service, WGSHA organized "Waste To Wonder" - a sustainability initiative and wine bottle painting session for the students. Students had an opportunity to rewind and spend this Saturday afternoon painting old wine bottles with an intention of reusing them.

Digital Social Media Club Photo Walk to Endpoint Manipal







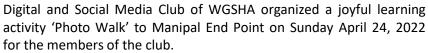












Students enjoyed learning by sharing the different techniques, and ideas on taking photos on DSLR and Mobile as well.

On the way to Endpoint, students enjoyed watching nature, birds, few pets, the event was fun, joyful, learning, exchange, and a healthy walk to the most loved place in Manipal.

Faculty coordinators Mr. Raghavendra G and Chef Nithish D accompanied and guided the students



WGSHA students innovative ideas shared at

Manipal Entrepreneurship Summit (MES)

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) recognises year 2022 as a year of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (InE). Manipal Entrepreneurship Summit (MES) organised by E Cell of Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT) on the 1st and 2nd of April 2022.

WGSHA through its Entrepreneur Development Cell (#WEDC) endeavours to promote both Entrepreneurship and innovation.

The members of **WGSHA Entrepreneurship Development Cell** (WEDC) participated with zeal and enthusiasm. This was the culmination of frenzy of innovation and entrepreneurship activities amongst students.













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India's renowned and adored chef, who is attempting to change the landscape gastronomy is none other than Chef Thomas Zacharias. The Ex-partner of Bombay Canteen, Chef Zacharias now travels extensively to a remote part of India in search of traditional and original recipes and ingredients. His passion for food, India-inspired cooking philosophy, and achievements in his professional career made him an inspiration to budding chefs. An alumnus from 18th Course BHM, Chef Zacharias is ever willing to contribute to the growth and betterment of his alma mater WGSHA. Chef Thiru and Team WGSHA are proud to congratulate him on receiving the prestigious award instituted by Culinary Culture. Chef Zacharias is ranked 12 among India's most reputed top 30 chefs. Heartfelt Congratulations and all the very best to Chef Zacharias. May God bless him with great success in his future endeavours.

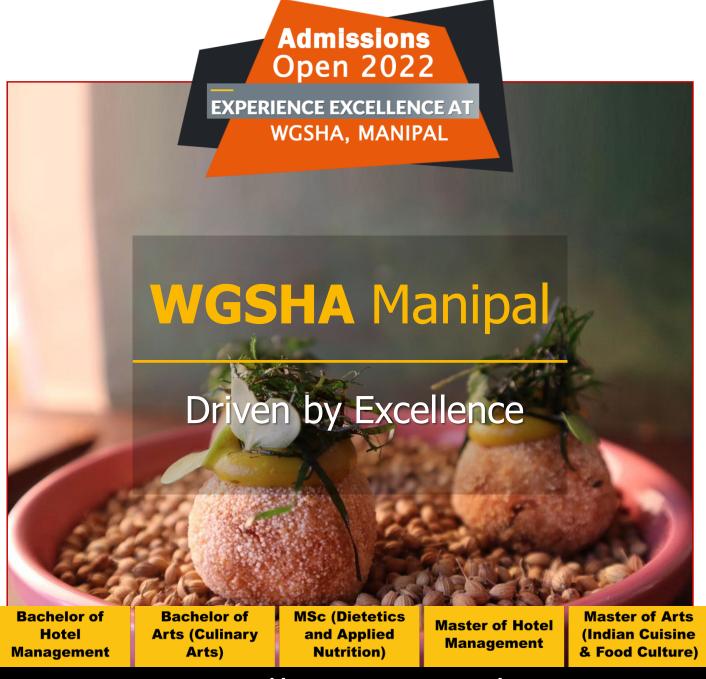
Chef Zacharias is ranked 10 among India's most reputed top 30 chefs.



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It is a proud moment for WSGHA to note Chef Hussain Shahzad, Alumnus 20th Course BHM was ranked number 10 in India's top 30 chefs listing by Campo Viejo for taking Chef Floyd's legacy ahead through the food at O Pedro. Chef Thiru and Team WGSHA wholeheartedly congratulate Chef Hussain on the laurels. Hussain... you are one of the most excellent examples of success. May you receive many more such accolades in the future. Warmest congratulations on winning this award





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