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HOSPITALITY HORIZON

March 2026

Hospitality Fact of the Month

Did You Know?

The hospitality industry is one of the world's largest employers, creating career opportunities in hotels, restaurants, airlines, cruise lines, event management, tourism organizations, and luxury service sectors.



Student Corner – Skill Focus Leadership Skills in Hospitality



Effective
communication



Team
management



Decision
making abilities



Conflict
resolution skills



Adaptability and
problem-solving



Customer
centric thinking

Hospitality Trend of the Month Bleisure Travel (Business + Leisure)

A growing number of professionals are extending business trips to include leisure activities. This trend, known as "Bleisure Travel," has created opportunities for hotels to offer flexible packages combining work-friendly amenities with recreational experiences.

Strong leadership skills contribute significantly to operational excellence and guest satisfaction

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On 1st March 2026, the School of Hotel Management actively participated in the **NSS – Cook for Change Challenge Season 3**, organized by the **Veruschka Foundation** from 09:00 am onwards.

This meaningful initiative combined culinary skills with social responsibility, where students prepared nutritious meals while contributing towards community welfare. Participants gained valuable experience in large-scale food preparation, teamwork, leadership, and sustainable kitchen practices such as reducing food waste and optimizing resources. The event successfully highlighted the important role hospitality professionals can play in creating a positive social impact through food service and community engagement.



National Service Scheme (NSS)
Veruschka Foundation

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Hospitality Discovery Experience: City As A Classroom

On 5th March 2026, students of the Hotel Management Department (Batch 2025–29) participated in a Hospitality Discovery Experience at **Burger King**. The visit provided valuable insights into the functioning of a Quick Service Restaurant (QSR), where students observed kitchen workflow, team coordination, and fast-paced service operations. They gained understanding of menu standardization, portion control, product consistency, and efficient order-taking and customer service practices, while also recognizing the critical role of speed, hygiene, and quality control, making it a practical learning experience that effectively connected classroom knowledge with real-world industry operations.



 Visit to Burger King, Camp, Pune



On 5th March 2027, students of the Hotel Management Department (Batch 2025–30) participated in a Hospitality Discovery Experience at **Chhatrapati Shivaji Market**. The visit provided practical exposure to the role of local wholesale markets in supplying fresh ingredients to the hospitality industry, where students explored a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, spices, and other food products. They gained insights into sourcing, procurement, and supply chain practices, while also observing real-time pricing, bargaining techniques, and vendor–buyer relationships. The experience highlighted the importance of freshness, quality, and seasonal availability of ingredients, helping students connect theoretical concepts with real-world market operations.

On 5th March 2028, students of the Hotel Management Department (Batch 2025–31) participated in a Hospitality Discovery Experience. The visit provided insights into the operations of a traditional beverage outlet specializing in **Mastani** and milk-based desserts, where students learned about product preparation, ingredients, and different varieties of Mastani. They also observed service procedures and customer handling in a high-volume setting, while gaining knowledge about quality control, hygiene, and food safety practices. Additionally, the experience helped students understand menu design and pricing strategies for specialty beverage outlets, making it a valuable exposure to real-world dessert and beverage operations.



On 5th March 2029, students of the Hotel Management Department (Batch 2025–32) participated in a Hospitality Discovery Experience at **Paasha**. The visit offered valuable insights into the operations of a luxury rooftop fine-dining restaurant, where students observed professional table service standards and refined guest interaction. They also learned about the importance of ambience, menu design, and food presentation in premium hospitality settings, while gaining practical exposure to food and beverage service operations within a luxury hotel environment, enhancing their understanding of high-end dining experiences.



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📍 Visit to True Colour Laundry, Pune

On 6th March 2026, students of the Hotel Management Department (Batch 2025–29) visited True Color Laundry for an industrial exposure session. The visit provided practical insights into laundry operations in the hospitality industry, where students explored the layout and equipment used in professional laundry setups. They observed key processes such as washing, starching, blueing, ironing, and finishing of linen, and learned effective stain removal techniques for common stains. The session also helped students understand the difference between in-house laundry and guest laundry operations, highlighting the importance of efficiency, hygiene, and quality standards in hotel housekeeping services.





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Signing MoU Ceremony

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The institute organized an important MOU Signing Ceremony with The Westin Pune Koregaon Park on 9th March 2026 at 2:30 PM onwards. The event emphasized the value and impact of industry-academia partnerships in hospitality education, providing students with insights into luxury hotel operations, service standards, and brand expectations. It also created awareness about structured internship and career opportunities within premium Hospitality establishments, while offering clarity on professional competencies, grooming standards, and workplace readiness. The ceremony highlighted the importance of networking as a key factor for career advancement, making it a meaningful initiative for students aspiring to build successful careers in the Hospitality industry.



The Westin, Pune Koregaon Park



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ADVOCATE MINAL AMIT DHARMALE

Senior Law Officer

On 10th March 2026, the School of Hotel Management participated in the NSS - District Level Workshop on Cyber Security Awareness & Practices for Safe Digital Living Security.

The workshop provided students with valuable knowledge of fundamental cyber security concepts, common digital threats, and safe online practices such as secure browsing, password management, and data protection. Participants also learned to identify phishing attempts, frauds, and cyber risks in daily digital interactions while understanding the importance of responsible online behavior and ethical use of digital platforms. The session successfully emphasized the significance of cyber safety in both personal and professional life.

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NSS BLOOD

DONATION CAMP

On **14th March 2026**, the Hotel Management Department (Batch 2025–29) organized an NSS Blood Donation Camp. The initiative aimed to spread awareness about the importance of blood donation in saving lives while encouraging students to contribute to a noble social cause. Participants gained insights into essential health parameters such as hemoglobin levels, blood pressure, and body weight, and developed confidence, empathy, and a strong sense of social responsibility through their active participation in this humanitarian activity.





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On **16th March 2027**, students of the Hotel Management Department (Batch 2025–21) participated in a Hospitality Discovery Experience at The Yellow Slice Cheese. The visit provided hands-on insights into artisan cheesemaking, where students learned the complete process from milk to finished cheese, including cultures, fermentation, and ageing techniques. They observed the work-flow and equipment used in a small-scale production unit and gained knowledge about food safety, hygiene, and quality control in dairy processing. The experience also highlighted the importance of sourcing high-quality ingredients, along with developing sensory evaluation skills through cheese tasting, focusing on flavour, texture, and aroma.





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Signing **MoU** Ceremony



The institute organized an important **MoU Signing Ceremony with Crowne Plaza Pune City Centre by IHG on 27th March 2026**. The event highlighted the significance of strong **industry-academia collaboration** in shaping future-ready hospitality professionals.

The partnership aims to bridge academic learning with real-world industry practices by providing students with exposure to luxury hotel operations, global service standards, and professional workplace expectations. It created valuable awareness about structured internship opportunities, career pathways, and the evolving requirements of the hospitality industry.

The ceremony also emphasized the importance of practical learning, professional grooming, communication skills, and industry readiness, enabling students to understand the competencies required to succeed in premium hospitality establishments. This collaboration marks a meaningful step towards strengthening experiential learning and creating enhanced career opportunities for aspiring hospitality leaders.





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Leader's Talk

Hospitality Visionary Address



On **27th March 2026**, a Leader's Talk: A Hospitality Visionary Address was conducted for the Hotel Management students (Batch 2025–29) Shantanu Sarkar. The session provided valuable insights into career growth and leadership in the hospitality industry, where students learned to identify key milestones, challenges, and opportunities in their professional journey. The speaker emphasized the importance of academic learning and college experiences in shaping success, along with essential skills, attitudes, and competencies required to progress to leadership roles. Students also gained an understanding of the global presence and structure of IHG Hotels & Resorts, and were encouraged to reflect on their personal career goals in alignment with industry expectations.



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Hospitality Voices 1.0

Unlocking Learners to Leadership



On **30th March 2026**, a First-Aid Workshop was conducted for the Hotel Management students (Batch 2025–29) as part of Unit 4 (Practical). The session provided essential training on handling common injuries and medical emergencies in hospitality environments, where students learned and demonstrated basic first-aid techniques such as wound care, bleeding control, burns management, and CPR awareness. The workshop also emphasized the importance of safety protocols and emergency response procedures, enabling students to effectively ensure guest and staff well-being until professional medical assistance arrives.

