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## FROM THE EDITOR'S BOARD

We endorse the world through ABHIWYAKTI, our quarterly newsletter, a channel to share our views and thoughts with the readers. ABHIWYAKTI is the erudition of academicians and wisdom of people with great industrial experience. It has been our sincere effort to put in our best to project the magnificence of AIHM to the world. We would like to offer our appreciation through all our students for their dedication and hard work in all the activities held and wish all the readers a pleasant and cheerful reading.

## BEST HOTEL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE AWARD



Amrapali Institute of Hotel Management won the Best Hotel Management Institute award from the Honourable Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Sri Trivendra Singh Rawat ji and Honourable Minister of Higher Education Dr Dhan Singh Rawat ji. The prestigious award ceremony was organised by TV 100, at Hotel Solitaire, Dehradun on 03rd August 2017.

## COLD BUFFET WORKSHOP



A work shop on cold buffet preparation and layout was conducted on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at Amrapali Institute of Hotel Management, Haldwani under the guidance of Chef Mohit Arya

along with Chef Himanshu Mehra and Chef Anjali Maheshwari. This learning event was attended by 58 students of the final year. This workshop was organised to familiarize the students with cold preparation like salads, cold soups, meats, non edible displays, fruit carving etc. During the work shop an array of delicacies as salads both vegetarian and non vegetarian found a beautiful place as carving, plating and cold canopies of various preparations like *Pâté en Croûte*, *Terrine de Poisson*, *Galantine de poulet*, *Ballontine de poulet*, *Chicken Quenelles* with *Chaud froid sauce* and *Chicken Aspic*.

The esteemed management and faculty members of Amrapali Group of Institutes witnessed the workshop and tasted the salads. They were enthralled by the preparation, Layout and presentation and praised the effort of the chefs and students. They also encouraged the staff to organise similar workshops in the institute campus for upgrading the knowledge of students.



## ORIENTATION PROGRAM 2017



The academic session this year formally began with the grand introduction of AIHM as 'Orientation 2017' to the new admissions in the Amrapali Institute of Hotel Management. An event of utmost importance to familiarize the new students with the trends of the institute for their smooth movement is also aimed at making them feel at home to the new surroundings.

The Orientation week from 1<sup>st</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> August and 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, saw two subsequent sessions one each for BHMCT and BHM KU and DHMCT and DHM UOU students. The customary lamp lightning ceremony was followed the welcome speech by

Mr. Prashant Sharma, Dean Academics. The fresher's were familiarized with the trends of the dynamic 'Hospitality Industry' by renowned Hotel Professionals like Mr. Raveesh Chhetri, Training Manager, Leela Group of Hotels and Mr. Mohammad Yusuf Yamin, HR Manager, Taj Group of Hotels. The venerated COO Prof. Dr S.K. Singh and experienced faculty also introduced the technicalities of life to the nascent buds at AIHM.

The commitment to assist the new students in making a smooth transition to the institute and to gradually introduce them to life in the institute, from academics and community norms to resources and support services has been the main essence of the program.



***'Though the distance may be of miles, yet the heart dwells at its root!'***

True as the statement itself, the year 2017 brought back good memories to the old students who became a part of the token remembrance as 'Alumni Meet 2017' in the 'Amrapali Group of Institute' as the 'AIHM Department' invited them for a grand get-together. The premises offered a flash back to the old students to rejuvenate their past treasured moments of student life. The 'Alumni Meet 2017' was organized by the students of AIHM to welcome their seniors and to spend some fruitful time with them.



This event saw the traditional lamp lightning ceremony to get the blessings of Ma Saraswati in the presence of the esteemed Vice Chairman Mr. R.C. Monga of Amrapali Group of Institutes. The event opened with a welcome note.

The fun packed day of recreation through a variety of songs, music and dance along with a wonderful skit written and directed by the students was well appreciated by the Alumni. The ceremonious cake cutting and a gala lunch were some efforts to bring

close the old students to their golden past. The alumni motivated the students by revealing their 'success stories'. They rewarded the mentors by complementing the efforts of the teachers in shaping their life. The mentors were heard calling it the 'biggest award of their life'.

The esteemed COO, Prof. Dr S.K. Singh called the presence of Alumni as an inseparable part of the life of Amrapali and congratulated them for their success. He called the Alumni as the 'guardians' of the industry and the 'soul' of Amrapali Group of Institutes and invited them for similar participation and get together in future. The fulfilled day came to a close with felicitation of the Alumni by the Dean Academics who bestowed his blessings with 'mementos of love' to the old students including some Alumni teachers working in the department itself.



## TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

*'Known to be known is human desire but it requires a blend of sincere service to others'*

Teacher's day marks the birthday of the ever revered Dr. Sarwapalli Radhakrishnan, a ceremonious entity in the field of education. Every great leader leaves behind an untold legacy of remembrance and hence name never fades and is transferred via remembrance from one soul to another. Teacher's day came as one such reminder to the teachers' of AIHM Haldwani. It was an entertaining performance of the young hearts of Amrapali who reflected their emotions in the form of songs, music and dance. The delicacies of the event in the form of beautifully presented triple cakes enthusiastically cut by the teacher's followed by soft games of drawing on the balloon and musical chairs was celebrated with blithe spirit by all the teachers'. The reflections of the 80's songs as remix and the solo dance and song performance rejuvenated every soul. The teacher's were cautiously served with refreshments by the sincere and dedicated students. Every bit of the event was relinquished by the entire teaching staff. The program came to a close with an enlightening speech by the esteemed COO. The teachers and students look forward to such moments of fun and frolic every year. It was a memorable day indeed!

## FRESHER'S WELCOME PARTY - 2017 (ABHINANDAN)

A 'let's start afresh' expression came forth in the form of the first cultural event of the new semester with a welcome note to the fresher's who had enrolled in various departments in AGI, Haldwani. 'Abhinandan' is not only an event to welcome the new students in the premises of Amrapali but also a platform to showcase their talents that will be nurtured during the next few years of their stay as Amrapalians'. The Institute of Hotel Management saw many budding Amrapalians' as artistic talents with great potential to rise in life. The programs received a great start with the arrival of the chief guest Mr. Dhan Singh Rawat (Education minister UK) and the guest of honour Mr. Bansidhar Bhagat (MLA Kaladhungi) who elated the young hearts with their encouraging speech of help and comfort for those 'who strive to present their best' during the coming years. The chief guest announced schemes for the meritorious students which included help in the form of 'free tutorials as Super 100' and 'laptops' for the best among the best. This served as the motivated curtain raiser for the show that began with the 'National Anthem' followed by the 'National Song' and henceforth the cultural events. The enthralling part of the show was the famous 'Ramp walk' ever liked and appreciated by the students. Along with it came the closet of events like Bhangra, Uttranchal songs and dances and the Bollywood dance and songs. The entire environment was made musical by the young fresh Amrapalians' showcasing their best on board. The contribution of AIHM during the event was to 'serve with love' where many students joined hands to serve food and refreshments to the guests, management and staff. All cherished the fruit of their dedicated efforts behind the stage. The new and old students from AIHM participated enthusiastically in all the events right from food preparation to anchoring and ramp walk as well as Uttrakhand dance and songs to Bollywood mash up. It was a moment of pride for AIHM when the fresher Mr. Rupesh was chosen as Mr. Fresher AGI, Mr. Pradeep as Mr. Best Talent, Mr. Kamal as Mr. Best Personality, Mr. Rahul as Mr. Best Attire and Ms. Meenakshi as Ms. Best Attire. It was good to dip into the ocean of talent and bag 5 tags out of the total 8. The program thus reflected many traits to be nurtured in the following years and came to a close with thanks giving speech by the program coordinator Mr. Prashant Rajput and then the Dean Academics Mr. Prashant Sharma.



## AVAHAN – 2017 (5<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE)

The fifth international conference on 'Future trends and competencies in tourism and hospitality industry – opportunities and challenges', was held at AIHM, Haldwani on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2017. It was organized by Mr. Mahendra Negi in collaboration with Mr. Deepak Rawat and Mr. Mayank Singh Tomar of AIHM, Haldwani.

The conference saw the presence of many dignitaries from across the globe with Prof. Pradeep Nayar from Taylor's University, Malaysia as the chief guest of the conference who illuminated the event with lamp lightening ceremony. In his opening speech he pointed towards the dynamic tourism sector and encouraged the students to become multi skilled and multitalented and give equal importance to education as well as co curricular activities for their all round development.



The distinguished guest of the conference Prof. Lilibeth Aragon, Dean of the Lyceum of the Philippines University-Manila's College of International Tourism and Hospitality Management congratulated the students and emphasized on the need to enhance both knowledge and skills for their development. The esteemed delegate Prof. Syed Rashidul Hasan of the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh called it a good step towards enhancing relation between his University and Amrapali Institute.

He further mentioned that such associations will further help to amass and exchange skill based knowledge among students of both the institutes.

The conference smoothly advanced towards the technical sessions held in the presence of scholars from various universities with the Prof. S.K.Gupta from HNB University, Srinagar Garhwal, along with Prof. Nimit Chaudhary from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Prof. PK Gupta from IHM, Yamunanagar, Delhi, Prof. Vinay Rana of IHM Graphic Era, Dehradun, Prof. Neeraj Agarwal from Punjab University, Dr. Sandeep Walia from Chandigarh University and Dr. Ashok Kumar from Kumaun University. The educators from various spheres of knowledge unraveled the journal and shared their views.

The central theme of discussion was hospitality, competitiveness and stability in the hospitality sector. Along with this Environment and Heritage tourism, Uttarakhand food and multiskilling and empowering employees, use of geo mapping and remote sensing techniques, Go-green concept and use of Buddhist circuit in tourism were others fields under discussion.

An important aspect of the conference emerged in the form of panel discussion between the academicians and the dignitaries from hotel industry where fruitful discussions lead to innumerable food for thought in the form of the requirements of the industry and the advances in academia. The discussion was carried in the presence of Prof. Syad Rashidul Hasan, Prof. Lilibeth Aragon, Prof. S K Gupta, Prof. Nimit Chaudhary, Prof. Vinay Rana, Dr. Neraj Agarwal, along with the delegates from Hotel Industry like Dr. Bhupesh Kumar GM of Jaypee Agra, Dr. Sanjeev Sharma H.R and Mr. Yamin of Taj Corbett, Ramnagar. A suggestion to bridge the gap between the two formed the focal point of discussion. The moderator of the panel discussion Prof. S.K.Singh initiated talks on various aspects related to raising the standards of learning of the students to the skills required at the entry level, dynamism in hospitality sector and importance of digitalization in the hospitality sector.



Many scholars from various universities demonstrated their research findings to make the students' aware of the work done in the hospitality sector. Prof Sanjay Singh, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Ms. Kavita Gupta, Dr. Rajeev Agarwal, Dr. Yashwant Singh, Mr. Manoj Kumar Pandey, Ms. Komal Vaisya, Ms. Somya Bhatt, Dr. Goldi Puri, Dr. Suvidha Khanna, Dr. Surjit Kumar, Ms. Priya Joshi, Ms. Puja Dukalan, Mr. Sujay Vikram Singh, Dr. Vandana Goyal, Mr. Dinesh Karush, Mr. Mohit Arya, Prof. Ajay Arora and Mr. Shrawan Kumar presented their papers for the students' benefit.

The Dean Academics Prof. Prashant Sharma congratulated the organizers and students on the success of the fifth international conference. Prof. S.K. Singh, COO Amrapali Institute of Hotel Management ensured the institute will be hosting similar conferences even in the near future to perpetuate knowledge by inviting delegates from all over the world. He further added that the institute will always strive to work in association with other institutes so as to nurture the skills and knowledge of the students of Uttarakhand. On the occasion of Avahan 2017, he called upon the students to sparkle in them the inquisitiveness to learn.

This knowledgeable event culminated with a kind vote of thanks by the organizers, esteemed guests and mentors for the immense effort and interest shown to make Avahan a success in the fifth consecutive year.

## TOURISM DAY



The hospitality sector offers a wide scope for the economic development of the country. It therefore becomes important to develop well equipped human resource for the industry. A step towards achieving this goal is the effort of the educationists who introduce the students' to this area through celebration of the World Tourism Day. A day marked with activity to generate awareness among the students about the tourist industry in the fun filled manner was the main thought of celebration. To explore, imagine and create was the main objective of the tourism day celebration at Amrapali Institute of Hotel Management. Students were encouraged to participate on a collage making competition with 'Sustainable tourism' as the main theme. It was a joyous creative activity that fetched laurels to the best deserving ones. The immense potential of the new students to bring their imagination alive was seen through their creativity with Mr. Pawan kumar Dani and team standing in the first position, Mr. Jitendra Bhatt and team in the second position and Mr. Haroon Naseem and team in the third position. The message was that 'creativity should carry on as smoothly as the growing Tourist Industry' and 'dynamism' should be acknowledged as 'World Tourism Day'.

## KDMM – 2017

'Mother' or 'Janani' is the only pious word that still occupies a special place in the heart of millions. A special day set aside in the remembrance of 'Mother' is the best reverence a child



can pay to his mother. It is customary at Amrapali Group of Institutes to instill the thought of love, compassion and endurance among the students by setting example of goodness. 'They say charity begins' at home and so does 'learning'. The entire family of Amrapali Group of Institutes has made it a good smooth journey of teaching and nurturing the talent of the budding professionals that enroll in huge number to stay and learn not just the academics and extracurricular but also the compassion required to be human. The famous Late Smt. Kamala Dhingra Memorial Meet 2017 once again pledged to induce the spirit of competition among the different colleges associated with it through two major competitions in the form of Quiz and Word Power Game Competition. A revered event began with the arrival of the chief guest Dr. Smt Indira Hridayesh Ji of Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha who addressed the 28 participating colleges and institutes that had gathered for the competition and praised the management for their efforts in promoting such morally oriented events. The acknowledgement of the National Association of Blind NAB India for the up-liftment of the "Visually impaired" was another compassionate effort of the management that reflected the sense of duty towards the society. The efforts of the students of the home team were appreciated as they retained the Championship Trophy once again. It left untold memories in the heart of the students and faculty with entertainment, acknowledgement and encouragement mixed with the reminder of the love we must share as human beings.



## FESTIVE BLISS TO AIHM



Festivals can transform common days into special, turn routine job into joys and turn opportunities into blessings. Continuing on trend of the festive season celebration a student lead team was formed taking the responsibility for the decoration of the lobby of hotel Management department. This activity has basically couple of objectives that the hospitality department always initiates in terms of event decoration and celebration as well as it is mentioned in the course outline of students that a practical learning exposure has to be carried out pertaining to special decoration.

A fantastic Deepawali decoration was done by students. Through this decoration event students got a chance to platform their skills and ideas again

in an open platform. Since it is an educational institution and it is the collective responsibility of the college to celebrate every festival with equal importance and zeal. Along with the festival celebration students wanted to give the message to the society that god is one even if you address him with different names. Another objective behind this event was to give a message as to why Deepawali is celebrated and a message "victory of good over evil".