

Department of Hotel Management

New Trends and Practices in Hospitality and Tourism Industry

Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth's Department of Hotel Management recently organized a One Day International Conference titled "**New Trends and Practices in Hospitality and Tourism Industry**" on December 28, 2018.

Technological advancements have changed the face of hospitality and tourism industry in last 5 years. Many hotels and travel companies are adapting to the fast paced competition in the digital world. New concepts, innovation and fusion in culinary world have replaced old theories. This conference focused on upcoming trends and practices in hospitality and tourism field. Students were able to understand the innovative practices and trending topics to face the challenges of industry.

The inauguration was presided over by Hon. Vice Chancellor Dr. Deepak Tilak. Dignitaries present on the dais included Dr. D. Tilak, Hon. Vice Chancellor, T.M.V, Dr. H. Abhyankar, Dean Faculty of Management, Eminent Speakers, and H.O.D, Department of Hotel Management, Dr. Suvarna Sathe.

During the inauguration **Hon. Vice Chancellor** addressed the audience by encouraging the students to understand the need of the hour and follow trends to develop a skill set to combat the ever changing technological advancements. **Dr. Abhyankar** said that students should keenly follow the new trends which would help them further in their careers. **Dr. Suvarna Sathe**, informed the audience the motivation to have various sub themes was it would encourage research activity and updating knowledge. The impressive line-up of **speakers** included **Mr. Anil Damle (owner of Damle Safaris), Chef Sabyasachi Gorai (Celebrity Chef) and Ms. Kazuko Barisic (Master of Japanese Traditional Tea Ceremony)** shared their knowledge. There was a fruitful exchange of ideas and information with students eagerly asking questions.

The highlight of the event was a conference publication which is a UGC Listed Peer Reviewed Referred Journal with an impact factor of 5.5 which was unveiled by the **Hon. Vice Chancellor** in

presence of all the dignitaries. The publication has research papers on various new trends and practices in the hospitality and tourism industry.

Post lunch ,a paper presentation was conducted and the session was presided and judged by Dr. Geetali Tilak - Mone , Dean of Modern Sciences and Professional Skills and Dr. Lalita Chirmulay, Principal Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University Institute of Hotel Management Pune.

The paper titled “ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REMODELLING THE HOSPITALITY BUSINESS” written and presented by Dr .C Sunanda Yadav won the Best paper award .

The conference concluded by the valedictory function, presided by Hon I/c Registrar Dr. Abhijit Joshi, who urged the students to focus their attention to find trends and ideas for business ventures in their roots. He also expressed his positive views about the department and encouraged the students to take up research activities in a big way.

All the participants were issued certificates for their participation.



