

A BRIEF REPORT ON SJHMCT 2022-23

On the XII Meeting of the Board of Governors, I am happy to submit this report before the honorable members.

I am happy to state that the Institute was able to provide quality education to the students and arranged a number of value added programmes for them.

Admission & Examination

During the reporting year Mahatma Gandhi University has accorded sanction for an additional batch of 60 students making to the total intake for the year as 180. The total student strength for the year is 441, (ie, 2019-20: 104, 2020-21: 109, 2021-22: 102 and 2022-23: 126. The details of the present position of studies and university examinations held are furnished below:

In the final semester examination for 2018 batch Mr Rasal Rasheed was placed in the first rank and Mr. Sanju Shaji and Mr Sujith Joseph were placed in the second and third rank respectively. While 82 per cent of the students passed the final semester 68 per cent of them became eligible for degree certificates.

<u>Present position</u>	<u>Examinations held</u>	<u>average % of pas</u>
2019-23 – VI Semester (VIII Sem)	V Semester	46
2020-24 – VI Semester	III Semester	49
2021-25 – IV Semester	II semester	47
2022-26 - II semester	I sem.exams due to be held	-

Training & Placement

2020 batch students are at present undergoing their industrial exposure training in leading five star hotels in Mumbai, Goa, Chennai, Bengaluru and Kochi. Our students got the opportunity to serve the dignitaries of the inaugural ceremony of INS Vikrant at the Marriot

Kochi on 1st and 2nd September 2022 and delegates of G 20 countries at Leela Hotel, Kovalam during 15-21 January 2023.

The practice of providing placement to all eligible students continued this year too. While 50% students of 2018 batch took placement in various hotels, the remaining opted higher education.

The IHG Hotels & Resorts, Holiday Inn, Crowne Plaza and Leela Kovalam have so far conducted campus interviews for 2019 and officials from more hotels are likely to conduct campus interview during the end of this month.

Short-term Courses

During the year, as part of implementing the suggestion made by the members in the previous meeting, we have started our sister concern named as St Joseph's Institute of Vocational Training, and got registration from Central Bharat Sevak Samaj (CBSS), National Development Agency, established by Planning Commission, Govt. of India. The classes have already begun and we look forward to bring out more courses in the coming years.

Staff

During the reporting period, two faculty members left from our service and four new faculties, one person each as Librarian, Receptionist and Computer System Administrator were appointed. At present, we have 18 faculty members, 02 lab staff and 8 office staff on regular basis and guest faculties were engaged for the subjects in English, French, Computer Application and Hotel Engineering.

Faculty Development

During the year, our faculties participated several webinars and presented papers in national level workshops on subjects relating to hospitality and tourism industry and took part in various Faculty Development Programmes.

Marketing

As was done during the previous years, our faculty members visited higher secondary schools in Palai and nearby areas to introduce the Institute and about the prospects of BHM course. Higher Secondary School students in Palai and nearby areas visited the Institute. A sum of Rs.1,40,160/- , was spent during the year for advertisements in social media like You Tube, Face Book & Twitter.

Additions to facilities

During the reporting year, our advance training restaurant was renovated with centralized air condition and other facilities in conformity with international standards. An approximate amount of Rs. 20 lakhs has so far been spent for the renovation. This training restaurant was blessed by H.E. Mar Joseph Pallickaparambil, Bishiop Emiritus, Diocese of Palai on 30 November 2022.

Furniture worth Rs. 11 lakhs was provided to the store, housekeeping, IQAC and training and placement sections, 5 nos. of LCD projectors at a cost of 3.35 lakhs for class rooms and facilities made in the conference room to enable online meetings at a cost of 1.39 lakhs.

I am happy to report that our Director Fr. Joseph Vattappillil has arranged facilities for breakfast, lunch, tea and other refreshments to all students and staff who require it.

Activities & programmes

One of the major activity after the previous meeting was MARZO2K22 , an Young Managers Fest which was successfully conducted on 25 March 2022 by 2021 admission students in which various competitions relating to hospitality among students were included.

During the period under report, Institute's in-house clubs undertook various programmes.

Le Sommelier Club conducted a number of online sessions, quiz competitions on subjects relating to Food and Beverage Service and arranged an exhibition on classical spirits .The

club also arranged a menu designing competition with a view to improve the menu knowledge and to impart skills in compiling menus.

The Connoisseur club conducted a seminar on Bread on the World Bread Day and also arranged Bread Competition on 5 Nov., 2022. Another programme organized by the club is a session "Dine like a King" by Chef Nalan. This club also hosted "Flavours of India BKCC Round 4 on 16 November 2022. Under the club's initiative a Theme Lunch La casa De paper was successfully organized by the 2020 batch students in April 2022.

The Paryavarana Club formed during the reporting year organized a webinar on "Invest in our Planet" through google meet. They also arranged an online session on paper bag and paper pen making.

The Esperanza club conducted competition "Treasure from Trash" As part of Housekeeping Week the Esperanza Club conducted an online quiz in which 65 students participated.

A photography competition was organized by the Photography Club on 19.8.2022 and the Sports Club arranged a football match among the students.

The Officina Frontal Club organized a session on "Consumer Market and Buying Behaviour in led by Dr Suma Mathew, MBA Dept. SJCT on 23.3.2022.

As part of World Tourism Day, World Chef Day, World Smile Day etc. our faculties actively involved in organizing online competitions, webinars etc for the students.

A seminar on Life Saving Noble Activity was organized in the Institute on 13.1.2023 in association with the District Medical Officer, Kottayam which was inaugurated by Mr. Thomas Chazhikadan MP. In the presence of Mr Mani C Kappen MLA, DMO and ADMO Kottayam.

The Institute hosted a seminar on Global Academics organized by the Country Head of Emirates.

Our first year students (2022 admn.) organized an exhibition titled ‘The Steward’ on 25 January 2023. The exhibition covered all departments of a star hotel and has been appreciated by all.

Graduation Day for 2018-22 batch was held on 25.6.2022.

Value added training programmes

Compared to the previous years, we were able to provide more value added programmes for our students. They include talk, seminar and demonstration programmes in various subjects.

A seminar on Digital Marketing and Its Future was held on 20.8.1922, a Moodle based VAP on basics of Spirit and Styles of Whisky on 20.11.2022 and an examination on the subject was conducted on 28.12.2022.

Mr. Thompson, SHO Pala gave a talk on Cyber Security on 21.12.2022 and the Excise Department conducted a session on Drug Abuse in Society on 22.12.2022

A session on Fire and Rescue Operations with demonstration was held by the Fire and Rescue Department officials.

IV and II semester students participated in a VAP on Post Covid Protocol held in Holiday Inn, Kochi.

Major Events & Achievements

During the year the Institute has executed MoUs for academic partnership with the hotels Crowne Plaza, Le Meridian, CGH group, Tamara Leisure & Experiences, and Marriot, IHG Hotels and Resorts.

The Institute organized a two-day national conference on “the Changing Perspectives of the Hotel Management Education in India as per the National Education Policy based on the New Education Policy of Government of India on 23 & 24 September 2022. The proceedings

along with the papers presented in the conference is proposed to be published as book by the Institute.

During the reporting year, Mahatma Gandhi University granted a paid unit of NSS (National Service Scheme) for the Institute and accordingly the activities of the unit started functioning from November 2022. This unit in association with the District Medical Office has organized a blood donation camp on 13.1.2023.

The Global Human Resource Centre (GHRDC) New Delhi, placed our institute in rank 8 for excellence among top hotel management institutions 2022, 2nd rank in Kerala (private) and 7th rank in Southern Region.

Our first year students won first prize in the competition in launching a healthy food product and its marketing conducted by Alphonsa College Women's Cell in collaboration with Kerala State Women Development Corporation under Poshan Abhiyan Scheme.

A Consultancy for Recipe Standardization

SJIHMCT has signed an MoU on 01.6.2022 with M/s Saffron Chocolate Traders, for the research and development of specific recipes.

E-Magazine & Newsletter

The publication of e- magazine of SJIHMCT started during the previous year continued and the February issue of Institute's newsletter "Lantern" published.

Conclusion

I may report that we were able to provide quality education and training and all possible steps and efforts were taken for their overall development. Further, general staff meetings are being conducted to co-ordinate the activities and implement academic as well as other programmes effectively.

I am happy to state that overall functioning of the Institute during the period of report was smooth and maintained good discipline. I thank the management for their wholehearted support guidance, and co-operation extended in the smooth functioning of the Institute. I take this opportunity to thank Fr. Joseph Vattappillil for his valuable efforts and services to the Institute. I also wish to thank our faculty and staff for their wholehearted co-operation, dedication and commitment without which the smooth functioning of the Institute could not be attained.

Thank you



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