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## EDITORIAL MESSAGE

**Welcome to IHM Solapur,**



It's my privilege and pride to be the first Principal of the prestigious state IHM. I take the opportunity to welcome you to the IHM Solapur. The Govt of Maharashtra (Ministry of Tourism – Directorate of Tourism) in affiliation with NCHMCT New Delhi has set up a state-of-the-art hospitality training institute at Solapur city. All the Laboratories like Kitchens, Restaurants, Housekeeping, and front office have been set as per the norms of NCHM with spacious premises and well-set equipment. We have a team of expert faculties with necessary academic and hotel industry experience, who will contribute to teaching and learning procedures.

It is a great privilege to publish this maiden newsletter of IHM Solapur which envisages the events, activities visits, and expert sessions conducted in this academic year 2023-24. It gives an insight of the institute. faculties and students who had contributed to these activities. It shows the way we conduct overall hospitality skill education and training for our students. This is an opportunity to show case and nurture the talent to all our stakeholders. Tourism & Hospitality is the vibrant sector in which all the aspirants need to put mind, body, and soul together to serve the people and the industry. It is the people-to-people connection, collaboration, and cultivating the bond of hospitality for everyone and all the stakeholders. Our focus is to teach and train the skill set necessary to inculcate and nurture the hospitality and tourism aspirants. Our mission is to provide a suitable skill set, knowledge, and hospitality attitude to the students through teaching-learning pedagogy. The admission for the academic year 2024-25 has opened, all interested may opt for degree or diploma programs with IHM Solapur. For more details kindly connect us.

I am sure that students from IHM Solapur will be groomed to do excellence in the hospitality sector, I invite all the students to join us for your bright hospitality career with the reputed and recognized IHM Solapur.

**Dr Sandip S Tapkir (PhD)**

**Principal, IHM Solapur**

## **INSTITUTE INAUGURATION – 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2023**



**Swami Samarth Maharashtra Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology,** Solapur was inaugurated at the hands of Hon'ble Mr. Mangal Prabhat Lodha (Tourism Minister, Govt of Maharashtra), principal secretary Ms Radhika Rastogi and Dr B N Patil (Director of Directorate of Tourism), Local MLA and MP, other dignitaries and officials of the Department of Tourism and MTDC on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 on the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima. The Institute is the first Hotel Management College in Maharashtra under the running of the Department of Tourism, Mumbai. (State IHM College)

The Institute is allocated with a huge infrastructure, well-equipped practical labs, spacious classrooms, a technically equipped conference room, an Auditorium, an Amphitheatre, and an astonishing view of the Dharamveer Sambhaji Maharaj Lake.

The Institute offers various Degree and Diploma Courses run by the National Council of Hotel Management & Catering Technology (NCHMCT). The best among these is the 3-year Degree course for which the Degree awarding partner with NCHMCT is Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

## STUDENTS ORIENTATION PROGRAM- BSC HHA & DFP BATCH 2023-24

Date: 21/08/2023



The student welcome program started with the Pooja of Swami Samarth at the entrance of the college. Next, the students and parents were seated in the conference room for the PowerPoint Presentation. The presentation started with information about DOT, NCHMCT, and Knowing Your Faculties. The above topics were followed by information about the Academic calendar, Teaching scheme, and Examination scheme. Next in the

presentation topics were Fee structure, Rules and regulations, Grooming standards, and Details about practical classes.

The Chief guests for the event were Chef Mahesh Jadhav (Executive Chef -Balaji Sarovar Premier Hotel) and Chef Pramod Naik (Senior Sous Chef - Balaji Sarovar Premier Hotel). They were welcomed by Dr. Sandip Tapkir Sir (Principal). Both the Chief guest addressed the students and imparted great knowledge and learning.

## **BALAJI SAROVAR PREMIER HOTEL VISIT**

Date: 22/05/2023



The hotel visit to Balaji Sarovar Premier was an enriching experience for the students and faculty of IHM Solapur. The visit provided a holistic understanding of various departments within the hotel.

A well-known hospitality establishment as the Hotel BSP highlighted the importance of teamwork, attention to detail, and exceptional guest service. The insights gained will undoubtedly contribute to the students' academic growth and future careers in the hospitality industry.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the management and staff of Balaji Sarovar Premier for their warm hospitality and for providing us with a valuable learning experience.

## **TUMBLE DRY VISIT**

Date: 23/08/2023



The students of IHM Solapur College visited Tumbledry laundry facility as a part of their housekeeping subject learning experience. The visit to the laundry facility aimed to provide the students with the firsthand exposure to the operations, technology and processes involved in a commercial laundry.

## **NEW BOMBAY BAKERY VISIT**

Date: 24/08/2023

The students and faculty members from IHM Solapur College embarked on an insightful visit to New Bombay Bakery in Solapur which is oldest bakery of Solapur it was started 80 years back & Currently Run & Owned by Mr. Dhananjay Hiremath. The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to bakery operations, equipment, product manufacturing, quality maintenance, and confectionery decoration.



## **BBQ RESTAURANT VISIT**

Date: 25/08/2023

The visit to The BBQ Room was an enlightening experience that deepened the students' understanding of restaurant operations, culinary techniques, and hospitality management. The insights gained during this visit align perfectly with the curriculum taught at IHM Solapur, enhancing the practical knowledge of our future hospitality professionals





## **DMART VISIT**

Date: 01/09/2022



The visit commenced with an introductory session about D Mart's history, operations, and its pivotal role in the retail industry. This information served as a foundation for understanding the importance of quality product selection.

## **TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION**

Date: 05/09/2023



The students organised a wonderful and small celebration for all the faculties of the College. The celebration commenced with the welcome of all faculties by the students with Greeting speech. It was followed by presenting the faculties with flowers and proceeded with cake cutting ceremony by all teachers. It was a heartwarming gesture by the students.

## HOUSEKEEPING WEEK CELEBRATION WITH TEAM Balaji Hotel

Date: 08/09/2023

The students of IHM Solapur College had the privilege of visiting Balaji Sarovar Premier Hotel on the occasion of International Housekeeping week. This annual event celebrates the hard work and dedication of the housekeeping staff, who play a vital role in maintaining the cleanliness and comfort of the hotel. They had the opportunity to observe various activities and events organized to honour the housekeeping team.



## NUTRITION DAY WEBINAR

Date: 11/09/2023



Dr. Spana Pawar was invited as a speaker for the Webinar organized at IHM Solapur under the valuable guidance of principal Dr. Sandip Tapkir. Engaging presentation & The information shared by Mrs. Sapana on the importance of proper nutrition and healthy eating habits was not only informative but also inspiring for our participants. Her dedication to the cause of promoting better nutrition and well-being was truly commendable.

## **TOURISM WEEK 2023**

Date: 21/09/2023 to 27/09/2023



IHM Solapur College celebrated Tourism Week from 21/9/2023 to 27/09/2023. Various programs were conducted throughout the week, which included **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan** (cleaning Drive), **Heritage walk** (Bhuikot Fort, Solapur), **Drawing Competition**, etc. Students-Peoples participation was the key factor in the celebration of tourism week, Solapur Municipal corporation extended their wholehearted support in the cleaning drive & dignitaries Dr. Shete's presence in the Heritage Walk made a special one.

These activities were part of "Tourism Week 2023".





## **SAROVAR PREMIER HOTEL GROUP TRAINING MANAGER VISIT TO COLLEGE**

Date:12/10/2023



Mr. Yash Raghav- General Manager- Training from Sarovar Hotels, Delhi, and Human Resource Manager Ms. Neelganga and Learning & Development Manager Mr. Bhavesh from Balaji Sarovar Premier Hotel, Solapur visited IHM College, Solapur. The visit aimed to foster collaboration between the hospitality industry and the Academic Institution.

The visit of the Balaji Sarovar Premier Hotel Team to IHM College, Solapur was a successful event, facilitating the exchange of knowledge, strengthening industry-academia ties, and offering them invaluable insights into the world of hospitality. This interaction is expected to yield lasting benefits for both the college and the Hotel.

## **MTDC WEBINAR- Yuva Tourism Club**

Date: 12/10/2023



On the occasion of World Tourism Day, MTDC Mumbai organized a highly informative and engaging webinar on “Sustainability in Hospitality- Present & Way Ahead “aimed to explore the role of sustainability in the Hospitality sector focusing on current practices and future trends. The webinar was attended by all the students and faculties of IHM College, Solapur.

## **INTERNATIONAL CHEF DAY CELEBRATION**

Date: 20/10/2023

The students and faculties of IHM College celebrated INTERNATIONAL CHEF DAY to commemorate the art and skill of chefs everywhere.



## **LPG TRAINING PROGRAM**

Date: November 2023



The LPG training program covered various aspects of LPG such as its basics, safety, installation practices and applications. The training program was attended by the students and staff of the IHM college as a part of the Food Production practical course.

## **SUGAR FACTORY VISIT**

Date: 16/01/2024

Students were given a comprehensive tour of the sugar manufacturing plant, where they witnessed the various stages of sugar production from sugar cane. The process involved milling, extraction, clarification, evaporation, crystallization, and drying. The factory's state-of-the-art facilities and equipment left a lasting impression on the students, allowing them to connect theoretical knowledge with practical applications.

The visit not only broadened our student's knowledge but also inspired them to appreciate the intricacies of the sugar industry and the importance of sustainable practices.



## **DR. PANDURANG TAWARE- (Agri tourism) VISIT TO OUR COLLEGE**

Date: 17/01/2024

**Dr. Pandurang Taware – Father of Agri Tourism concept in India**, also National Tourism Award recipient 2010, visited IHM College. Dr. Taware had a brief interaction with the students and staff of the College and encouraged us all to be a part of the Agri Tourism movement in our own areas and our own capacity. The students and staff were really motivated by their inspiring words.



## **TRAVEL PLEDGE ON NATIONAL TOURISM DAY**

Date: 25/01/2024

The students and staff of IHM College celebrated National Tourism Day by taking a TRAVEL FOR LIFE Pledge and contributing to enhancing awareness among the community on Tourism.



**PRINCIPAL invited as Guest Lecturer TO HIRACHAND COLLEGE TOURISM DAY**

Date: 25/01/2024

Principal Sir Dr. Sandip Tapkir visited the College on the occasion of National Tourism Day and guided the students on the importance of Tourism and sustainability.

He has been invited by the reputed institute in the Solapur Hirachand Walchand College of Commerce & Management Solapur. The topic was on Tourism Sustainability and Career Opportunities: Attended by 120 MBA and BBA Students.





## **REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION**

Date: 25/01/2024

The students prepared a special menu on the occasion of Republic Day which included South Indian breakfast items such as Dosa, Uthappam, Idli, Meduvada, Sambar and three different types of coconut chutneys. The menu was inspired by the National Tri colour flag and incorporated the colours of the flag in the menu.



## **SULA WINE TASTING SESSION**

Date: 02/02/2024

The wine-tasting event organized by Sula Company at IHM College, Solapur proved to be a valuable educational experience for students interested in the culinary and hospitality industries. By offering insights into wine production and tasting techniques, the event enhanced participants' understanding and appreciation of this ancient beverage. We extend our gratitude to Sula Company for their informative presentation and look forward to future collaborations.



## **DOODH PANDHARI DAIRY VISIT**

Date:16/02/2024

The dairy visit was a resounding success, providing students with valuable hands-on experience and insights into the dairy production industry. It not only complemented their academic learning but also inspired them to explore opportunities in dairy-related sectors. The visit highlighted the importance of quality, sustainability, and innovation in dairy production, shaping students' perspectives on responsible sourcing and culinary excellence. Overall, the visit was an enriching experience that will undoubtedly contribute to the students' professional development in the hospitality industry.



## **FLOWER ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP**

Date: 21/02/204

The flower arrangement workshop held by Mr. Deshpande, proved to be a valuable experience for college students, providing them with practical skills, creative inspiration, and a deeper understanding of floral design. It successfully achieved its objectives of introducing participants to the art of flower arranging and fostering a sense of appreciation for the beauty of flowers. Further workshops or follow-up sessions could be organized to build upon the foundation laid during this event and cater to the evolving interests and needs of participants.



## **Hospitality JOB FAIR**

Date: 07/03/2024

On 7th March 2024, a Job Fair event was organized by Swami Samarth Maharashtra Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, Solapur in association with **R K Event Company** in college premises. Occasionally it was happening on the eve of the International Women's Day. The main objective of the job fair event was to provide jobs to the jobless from the hospitality sector and others too. As we know today joblessness have become a worrying cause of today's young generation. To mitigate this social issue of joblessness, the job fair was an attempt made by the organizers. The RK Event Company under guidance of Dr. Sandeep Tapkir, Principal of Swami Samarth Maharashtra Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology, successfully conducted event of job fair. For students the purpose of the event was to gain insights into various aspects of event organisation.





## **MSBSVET VISIT TO COLLEGE**

Date: 15/03/2024

Official of Maharashtra State Board of Skill, Vocational Education and Training visited SSIHM, Solapur campus for the inspection purpose. SSIHM, Solapur had submitted a proposal for the conduct of diploma courses affiliated to MSBSVET. Accordingly, team of five members headed by Mr. Dhumal visited IHM, Solapur campus for inspection purpose. Dr. Sandip Tapkir, Principal, IHM, Solapur welcomed the team of MSBSVET. The members of the inspection committee inspect all departments & infrastructure of the institute. Also, understood the operations details of the institution. The approval of the proposal is still awaited.



## **PULGAM FACTORY VISIT**

Date: 18/03/2024



The purpose of the visit was to provide college students with practical exposure to the manufacturing processes involved in bed sheet production, as well as to understand the industrial setup and operations of a bed sheet making factory.

## **HOLI CELEBRATION**

Date: 21/03/2024

Cultural celebration is a way of connecting today's generation with the yester year era. **Holi** is the festival of colours, is one of the most vibrant and joyous festivals celebrated in India. It is a Hindu spring festival that signifies the arrival of spring, the victory of good over evil, and the celebration of love and unity. At IHM College, Solapur, Festival of Holi was celebrated traditionally and by making tradition Holi food. Students under the guidance of faculty Ms. Mrunal Mulajkar made food based on the theme of Holi. In the Menu food like Gujia, Thandai, Dahi Bhalla, Aloo Tuk etc. were included. It was fun and learning moments for the students. The whole celebration was done in highly electrifying atmosphere. Students were overjoyed with the celebration with their teaching gurus. IHM, Solapur intend to continue this celebration year by Year!



## **KITCHEN FOOD MARKET VISIT**

Date: 22/03/2024

The students and staff of IHM College visited various market such as **Kasturba spice market,** **Agrawal rice merchant.** **Bhakalo Fruits and vegetable shop** etc. as a part of the Food production practical for gaining actual knowledge on how to identify, purchase and negotiate the buying of various ingredients.



## FRATELLI VISIT

Date: 29/03/2024



Industrial visit is a very important aspect of hotel management course. The vineyard visit is a best way of connecting the theoretical knowledge to that of practical. The visit gives an insight to the unknown world of reality of winemaking.

IHM College, Solapur had organised an **Fratelli Vineyard, Akluj** visit for their students on *19<sup>th</sup> of March 2024*. It was a learning experience for all of them as they get to know the wine making process and they can compare with their theoretical inputs with the practical of wine making in the vineyards. The visit aimed to enhance the understanding of the production, management, and marketing aspects of the wine industry.



## RESULT & SUCCESS STORIES

Date: 17/04/2024

The highly awaited result of the BSCHHA 1<sup>st</sup> semester was declared on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024. And IHM, Solapur feels proud to announce that all our students were declared successful. 100% result is the most satisfying moment for the teaching fraternity. All our students made us feel proud by giving us the ultimate result. *Ms. Shweta Chaurasia* was adjudged as first among the other and *Mr. Om Madure* and *Mr.*

*Ashish Jadhav* were second and third respectively. Management of IHM, Solapur wish them all the best!

And Best of Luck for Future Endeavour!



## TOURISM DEPARTMENT VISIT TO OUR COLLEGE

Date: 25/04/2024



Mr. Santosh Rokade, Deputy Secretary (Tourism) Govt. of Mah. Ms Shama Pawar (Deputy Director -DoT), and Mr. Ravindra Pawar, Assistant Director DoT Govt. of Maharashtra have visited the on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 the campus & held a meeting with staff of the IHM Solapur & understood the challenges & requirements of the institute. Guided on Skill India programs. Officials of

MSBSVET & ITI Solapur were also present in the meeting; the agenda of the meeting was to collaborate efforts for upcoming admissions. Dr. Sandip Tapkir, Principal IHM Solapur welcomed Mr. Santosh Rokade, Deputy Secretary of State at the Tourism Department, Govt. of Maharashtra. Mr. Santosh Rokade understood the problems and showed positive responses to overcome challenges.

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## MAHAQUIZ 2024- MAHARASHTRA DAY

Date: 26/04/2024



On the occasion of *Maharashtra Day*, Swami

Solapur, in association with the Directorate of Tourism, Maharashtra, has conducted a quiz competition, Mahaquiz2024. It was a great success and an enthusiastic event. Participation came from across the country like from north to south. All together 88 candidates took part in the competition and answered the 25 questions on the Google Form. principal of IHM, Solapur, the quiz competition was completed.



## TRAINING & PLACEMENT



All our students were placed for industrial training for 4 months. In the *Hotel Conrad, Pune*. The process of

placement begins by January -2024. The placement section of the SSIHM, Solapur was working round the clock and finally all our students were placed successfully. We thank *Hotel Conrad, Pune*, and wish this relationship will remain long lasting.

## NCHM PROMOTION QUIZ



All India level NCHM Quiz was arranged at various colleges of Solapur. This event was held to make students aware about Career options in Travel, Tourism & Hospitality Industry. Under the valuable guidance of

Principal of IHM Solapur Dr. Sandip Tapkir, the quiz competition was successfully completed.



## AWARDS & ACCOLADES

### Article in AAHARWAYS Food MAGAZINE by Principal

**DIVE INSIDE TO READ ABOUT Herbal Tea and its Health Benefits**

on Page # 8-9 (September' 23 Issue) By Dr. Sandip Sahebrao Tapkir

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latest trends in India, which is preferred by the health-conscious people.

Herbal tea is composed of fresh or dried flowers, fruit, leaves, seeds or roots. This tea is made by pouring boiling water over the plant parts and letting them steep for a few minutes. The herbal tea is then strained, sweetened if desired, and served. Many companies produce herbal tea bags for such infusions. This is a scientific approach of composition and mixing of infusion portions, flavourings with suitable herbs, spices, condiments or barks, leaves, seeds etc.

**1.2 Current Scenario of Herbal Tea:**  
Presently, the worldwide-spread use of herbal tea is in the form of ready-to-brew bags or plant leaves, stems, roots, seeds, etc. in dried form which are able to be prepared with different traditional methods according to taste and preferences. However, the differences between the brewing methods and parameters of each plant and the promiscuous practices made, may lead to lessen the expected benefits and even result with major health risks. Therefore, in order to prevent mistakes in traditional methods, to maintain a microbiologically safe product while allowing them to be consumed in every season, to find out a value-added material for the usage in beverage sector, herbal extracts are produced by standardized methods. Furthermore, miscellaneous studies have been performed on the topic of medicinal herbal extracts and their addition to the beverages for the development of the taste and sensorial characteristics, nutritional values, and functional properties.

**2. Health Benefits of Herbal Tea:**  
Herbal tea is popularly known for its health and medicinal benefits. In today's scenario, it has become the most preferred, desired and favorable health beverage all over the world. Many researches are being conducted on herbal tea and beverages and that is why we see so many multi-national brands introducing their herbal tea products. Although herbal tea has been around for a long time, modern-day science and

**1. Introduction:**  
In today's modern world, people are becoming more health conscious and tend to include more healthy food & beverages in their daily lifestyle. The primary focus of this study is to know, understand and moving forward the herbal tea and its role to become healthy. A few decades back, herbal tea was considered as a rich & classical beverage to consume in star hotels and elite crowd, but due to its popularity and health benefits, it has become more popular among the masses. Now it is more of a healthy beverage rather than a luxurious drink.

**1.1 History of Herbal Tea:**  
Herbal tea, also known as herbal infusion of various flavourings, herbs & spices, is referred to as tisanes in UK. The term "herbal" tea is often used in contrast to the so-called true tea (e.g., black, green, white, yellow, oolong), which is prepared from the cured leaves of the tea plant, *Camellia sinensis*. Most tisanes do not naturally contain caffeine. However, there are a number of plants, that do contain caffeine or another stimulant, like theobromine, cocaine or ephedrine. Some have the opposite effect, acting as a sedative. Some common infusions have specific names such as mate (yerba mate) and rooibos (red bush).

evidence, the history of drinking tea in India dates as early as 750 BC. At that time, it was not as commercialized as it is today. It was used mostly by monks and saints who used them to stay alert. Later it was used for its medicinal purposes, like the herbal tea in India. It began to be consumed commercially only after the invasion of the British in India. Their addiction to tea led us Indians to drink it on a large scale. It was a major turn for fate of tea in India. As of now, India is the second largest producer and largest consumer of tea in the world.

As per a legend, the discovery of tea was very different from that of the one with the Chinese emperor. This particular legend dates back to about 2000 years earlier. A monk, who later founded the Zen Buddhism, determines to dedicate seven years towards contemplation and prayer. During the fifth year, he was about to fall asleep.

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### Hospitality Educator of the Year With Chef Ranveer Brar (Celebrity Chef)



- ❖ Dr. Sandip Tapkir, Principal of IHM College, Solapur won the prestigious award of Hospitality Educator of the Year for 2023. The honour was conferred by Hospitality Excellence Award-India. The grand ceremony of felicitation took place Navi Mumbai in February 2024. Dr. Sandip Tapkir is an inspiration for the staff of the SSIHM, Solapur. He carries experience of more than 20 years that connects two generations. His expertise in teaching and management are valued by the institution. The staff of the IHM feel proud to be associated with such a personality.

## NCHMCT New Delhi – Faculty Workshop-28th May 24

- ❖ **Ms. Mrunal Mulajkar**, Assistant Lecturer at IHM College, Solapur represented the College in WORKSHOP FOR FACULTY OF INSTITUTES of MINISTRY OF TOURISM. This workshop aimed at bridging the gap between Tourism and Hotels sector and the Institutions and provided a platform for the same.



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Publishing the first newsletter of IHM Solapur, our aim is to showcase the activities and events conducted, academic rigor, students' contribution, learning & development. I thank you all the contributing staff and students.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter and find it informative and inspiring. As always, we remain dedicated to nurturing the talents and ambitions of our students and preparing them for successful careers in the dynamic world of hospitality. Visit IHM Solapur for detailed information about various courses available. Feel free to call/write mail for inquiries/suggestions.

**Thank You!**

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