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Message from the Hon'ble Chancellor

MGM University is committed to fostering a research-driven ecosystem that promotes innovation, sustainability, and academic excellence across disciplines. As a leading university, we strive to bridge the gap between academia and industry by encouraging cutting-edge research that addresses contemporary challenges. The 1st National Conference – NATCON, organized by MGM University Institute of Hotel Management, is a significant step toward strengthening research in hospitality, culinary arts, and aviation.

This conference provides a valuable platform for researchers, academicians, and industry professionals to exchange ideas, explore emerging trends, and contribute to the future of the hospitality sector. Through insightful discussions and collaborations, NATCON 2025 will inspire new perspectives and drive impactful advancements in the field.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the organizers, distinguished speakers, and participants for their contributions to this initiative. Wishing NATCON 2025 great success and a meaningful knowledge-sharing experience for all!

Shri. Ankushrao Kadam
Hon'ble Chancellor, MGM University

Message from the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor

At MGM University, we are committed to advancing research, innovation, and academic excellence across disciplines. As a university that nurtures a progressive research ecosystem, we continuously strive to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical industry applications. I am proud to lead this vision, fostering an environment where faculty and students collaborate on impactful research that contributes to societal and industry advancements.

The 1st National Conference – NATCON, with its theme "Redefining Hospitality: Embracing Sustainability and Technology Integration," is a testament to our commitment to knowledge creation and industry transformation. As the hospitality sector evolves, research-driven insights in sustainability and technological advancements are crucial for shaping its future. This conference serves as a dynamic platform for scholars, researchers, and industry experts to exchange ideas, explore emerging trends, and contribute to the ongoing evolution of hospitality and tourism.

I commend the MGMU Institute of Hotel Management for spearheading this initiative and extend my best wishes to all participants. May NATCON 2025 spark meaningful collaborations, inspire innovation, and pave the way for a more sustainable and tech-driven future in hospitality.

Looking forward to welcoming you to MGM University for an unforgettable conference Experience.

Prof. Dr. Vilas S Sapkal

Vice-Chancellor
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Message from the Hon'ble Registrar

MGM University has always been at the forefront of academic excellence, research, and industry collaboration. The 1st National Conference – NATCON 2025, organized by the MGMU Institute of Hotel Management, is a significant milestone in our journey toward fostering innovation and knowledge sharing in the hospitality sector.

With its theme "Redefining Hospitality: Embracing Sustainability and Technology Integration," NATCON 2025 provides a unique platform for academicians, researchers, and industry professionals to engage in meaningful discussions, present groundbreaking research, and contribute to the transformation of hospitality and tourism. As industries evolve, research-driven solutions will play a vital role in addressing contemporary challenges and shaping a sustainable future.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to MGMU Institute of Hotel Management for this remarkable achievement and commend the dedication of the organizing team. Wishing all participants a productive and insightful conference that paves the way for further research and innovation in the field.

Dr. Ashish Gadekar
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Message from the Director

Dear Distinguished Guests, Scholars, and Industry Professionals,

It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I extend a warm welcome to all of you at the First National Conference NATCON 2025, organized by MGMU Institute of Hotel Management. The theme of this conference, **"Redefining Hospitality: Sustainability, Innovation, and Technology Integration,"** seeks to bring together thought leaders and experts from the hospitality sector to explore and shape the future of this ever-evolving industry.

As the hospitality industry continues to undergo profound transformation, this conference serves as a vital platform for meaningful engagement, knowledge exchange, and collaborative dialogue on the critical issues shaping our field. In response to the shifting demands of travelers, the integration of sustainability, innovation, and technology has become essential in redefining the hospitality experience.

We are privileged to have with us a distinguished group of speakers and panelists who are leaders in their fields. Their valuable insights will help guide our collective efforts in advancing a more resilient, innovative, and sustainable future for the hospitality industry.

Thank you for your participation in this important event. I look forward to the stimulating discussions and the valuable outcomes that will arise from our shared collaboration.

Warm Regards,

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The Need For Hiring Nutritionists in Schools Chh. Sambhajinagar

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Under nutrition has become one of the greatest problems for India. For children and adolescents healthy eating and being physically active has become particularly important. The reason is nutrition and lifestyle influence on their well Being, growth and development.School age children have the potential to impact upon cognitive outcome. Children's physical, cognitive and behavioral development is affected by the nutrition.Times of India has given a report in 2024, that including both private and government institutions the district has nearly 2,823 schools participating in the Right to Education (RTE) Act's admission process. Amongst which it is seen in few ICSE boards that they have hired nutritionists with proper guidance for meals provided. Also, Government schools following the approved meal plan provided by the government but there are still large numbers of Schools who are having tie ups with contract based canteens which are not providing any approved meals plan to the children.

The study aimed at understanding the number of schools considering the guidance of nutritionist as an important decision maker considered for planning the meals for the students of the respective schools.

This research is descriptive and the data was collected using Questionnaire tool which was provided to the teachers working in both private and government schools including questions based on ABCD pattern where in the A is the Anthropometry, B is the Bio-chemical parameters, C is the Clinical History and D is the Dietary Intake amongst which in this study only A and D i.e., Anthropometry and Dietary were used for gathering the required information. The data was collected from both the schools and a referral manual was printed which will provide information on the importance of need of hiring nutritionists in schools as well as suggesting a basic meal plans for the children.

Keywords:

Nutritionist, Calorie, Proteins, Fats, Carbohydrates, Nutritive value, Anthropometry, Dietary Intake, Right to Education (RTE)

Title-The Role of Smart Technologies in Enhancing Sustainability in Hospitality Operations

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Abstract

The hospitality industry is under increasing pressure to adopt sustainable practices while maintaining high service standards. Smart technologies, including the Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence (AI), big data analytics, and automation, are transforming hospitality operations by improving energy efficiency, reducing waste, and enhancing guest experiences. This paper explores the role of smart technologies in driving sustainability within the hospitality sector, focusing on energy management systems, smart waste management, and sustainable resource utilization. Additionally, it examines the economic and environmental benefits of integrating these technologies, as well as the challenges associatedwiththeir implementation.Byadoptingsmart solutions,hospitalitybusinessescan achieve long-term sustainability, optimize operational efficiency, and contribute to global environmental goals.

Introduction

The hospitality industry significantly impacts the environment through high energy consumption, water usage, and waste generation. To address sustainability challenges, smart technologieslikeIoT,AI, and automation are transforming operations by optimizing resource efficiency and reducing environmental impact. This study explores the role of these technologies in enhancing sustainability, improving cost-effectiveness, and elevating guest experiences. Additionally, it examines the challenges of implementation and highlights best practices for integrating smart solutions into hospitality operations for long-term benefits.

Purposeofthe Study

Thepurposeofthisstudyisto examine howsmarttechnologiescontributeto enhancing sustainability in hospitality operations. Analyse the Role of Smart Technologies AssessEconomicandEnvironmentalBenefit Identify Implementation Challenges Provide Strategic Recommendations

Objectives of the study –

➢ To identify the types of smart technologies used in hospitality for promoting sustainability and resource efficiency.

➢ To analyze the impact of smart technologies on energy efficiency and resource conservation in hospitality operations.

➢ To assess the influence of smart technologies on guest experiences and their role in encouraging sustainable behavior.

➢ To explore the economic benefits and challenges associated with adopting smart technologies for sustainable hospitality management.

Methodology

This study adopts a qualitative and analytical research approach to examine the role of smart technologies in enhancing sustainability in hospitality operations. The methodology includes the following key components:

1. Literature Review
2. Case Study Analysis
3. Expert Interviews
4. Comparative Analysis
5. Data Collection and Interpretation

Expected Results

This study anticipates the following key findings regarding the role of smart technologies in enhancing sustainability in hospitality operations:

1. Improved Energy Efficiency
2. Optimized Water and Waste Management
3. Enhanced Cost Savings
4. Better Guest Experience and Satisfaction
5. Challenges in Implementation
6. Sustainability and Competitive Advantage

Keywords-Smart Technologies, Sustainability, Hospitality Operations, Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Energy Efficiency,

Smart Hotels: AI, IoT, and Contactless Services in the Future of Hospitality

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Introduction

The evolution of technology has significantly transformed the global hospitality industry, paving the way for smart hotels that integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), and contactless services. These advancements enhance operational efficiency, guest satisfaction, and overall service personalization. From AI-powered virtual assistants to automated room controls and seamless mobile check-ins, smart technologies are redefining the hospitality landscape. In the post-pandemic era, the demand for touch-free interactions and enhanced safety measures has accelerated the adoption of these innovations, making them an integral part of the modern hotel experience.

Purpose of the Study: The integration of AI, IoT, and contactless technologies in hotels is no longer a futuristic concept but a present-day necessity. This study aims to examine the transformative impact of these technologies on guest experiences and hotel operations. Given the increasing consumer preference for convenience, safety, and personalization, it is crucial to analyze how these innovations influence service efficiency, operational costs, and competitive positioning within the hospitality sector. Additionally, understanding the challenges associated with their implementation, such as data security and infrastructure costs, is essential for industry stakeholders.

Objectives of the Study

1. To analyze the impact of AI, IoT, and contactless services on guest experiences and hotel operations using secondary data.

2. To evaluate challenges and benefits of smart hotel technologies through industry reports, case studies, and published research.

3. To explore global trends and future opportunities in smart hospitality based on secondary sources.

Methodology

This study adopts a **descriptive research approach** relying exclusively on **secondary data sources** to examine the integration of AI, IoT, and contactless services in smart hotels. Data will be collected from academic journals, industry reports, hospitality white papers, case studies, and market research studies. Additionally, insights from hotel technology trend analyses, guest satisfaction surveys, and financial reports of hospitality brands will be reviewed to assess the impact of these innovations. The study will involve a systematic literature review to identify current trends, challenges, and future opportunities in smart hospitality. Comparative analysis will be conducted using secondary data from different hotel chains and industry leaders to evaluate the effectiveness of these technologies. The study is expected to highlight the growing importance of AI-driven automation, IoT-enabled smart environments, and contactless services in shaping the future of hospitality. Findings will demonstrate how these technologies enhance operational efficiency, improve guest satisfaction, and contribute to sustainable hotel management. The research will also address potential barriers to adoption, such as cyber security risks, high initial investment costs, and resistance to change among staff and guests. Furthermore, the study will provide insights into best practices and successful implementation strategies adopted by leading hotels. These results will serve as a valuable reference for industry professionals, hotel managers, and policymakers in making informed decisions about smart hospitality integration.

Keywords: Smart Hotels, Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Contactless Services, Hospitality Technology

"Eco-Conscious Hospitality: The Role of Interior Design in Sustainable Hotel Practices"

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This study investigates the critical role of interior design in fostering sustainable practices within the hospitality sector, focusing on the concept of eco-conscious hotels. As environmental concerns escalate, the hotel industry faces increasing pressure to minimize its ecological footprint. This research aims to identify and evaluate the impact of specific interior design strategies on the sustainability performance of hotels. The methodology employed a mixed-methods approach, combining a comprehensive literature review of sustainable design principles with case studies of exemplary eco-hotels. Quantitative analysis assessed the effectiveness of implemented design features, such as energy-efficient lighting and water-saving fixtures, while qualitative data from interviews with hotel managers and designers explored the challenges and opportunities associated with integrating sustainable practices. Results revealed that strategic interior design interventions significantly contribute to reduced energy and water consumption, waste minimization, and improved indoor environmental quality. The implementation of locally sourced, recycled, and biodegradable materials, along with biophilic design elements, enhanced the guest experience while minimizing environmental impact. The study concluded that interior design is a pivotal element in achieving sustainable hotel operations. By prioritizing eco-conscious materials, energy efficiency, and waste reduction, hotels can significantly contribute to environmental preservation while enhancing their brand image and guest satisfaction. This research underscores the necessity of integrating sustainable design principles into hotel development and renovation projects to promote a more environmentally responsible hospitality industry.

These findings highlight the potential for strategic interior design to serve as a catalyst for sustainable practices in the hospitality industry. The holistic approach to sustainable design demonstrated in this study could pave the way for innovative solutions in hotel architecture and operations, potentially influencing industry standards and consumer expectations for environmentally responsible accommodations.

Keywords: Eco-Conscious Hospitality, Sustainable Interior Design, Hospitality Industry, Sustainable Tourism, Hotel Design.

A CONCEPTUAL STUDY IN ACCESSIBLE HOTELS FOR SPECIALLY- ABLED GUESTS IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Background: The concept of making things useable or accessible is where the name "accessibility" comes from, going beyond physical access to include inclusivity in all contexts. Its origins can be found in the larger human rights movement, which highlights each person's intrinsic worth and dignity.

Significance: With the growth of disability rights activism in the second half of the 20th century, accessibility became increasingly important, leading to historic laws like the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the US and comparable laws in other nations, particularly Salamanca Statement approved and generally endorsed at the World Conference held by UNESCO and the Ministry of Education and Science of Spain in Salamanca (1994) in Spain gave the concept of Inclusivity

Method: This study is descriptive in nature because it used a Non-Probability-Convenience Sampling to ask survey questions about the current level of accessibility in Indian hotels for tourists with physical disabilities, the standards and guidelines that are in place for grading hotels as disabled-friendly in India, the opinions of stakeholders (such as hotel owners/managers, guests with disabilities, and advocates for disability rights) regarding the opportunities and challenges in achieving disabled-friendly status for hotels in India, and the initiatives and technological barriers that guests with disabilities encounter in Indian hotels.

Results: According to the scenario analysis, the three-, two-, and one-star hotels provide less amenities and expertise for guests with specific needs. The majority of respondents urge hotels to take proactive measures and provide training for guests with special needs, although hotels that already offer these services also have difficulties in doing so.

Conclusion: The study's findings are expected to provide valuable insights for the hospitality industry and educational institutions in developing accessible hotels in India, not just as a compliance issue but also as a core component of social justice and economic opportunity. The Indian hospitality sector can open up a sizable market, improve its image, and help create a more just and inclusive society for everybody by putting accessibility first.

Keywords: Inclusivity, Disabilities Act, Disabled-Friendly, Special Needs, Accessible Hotels, Hospitality

Recent Trends Adapted By Hotels of Chh. Sambhaji Nagar as A Sustainable Approach

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Abstract: To stay competitive, hotels must always improve their facilities and service quality. A hotel's success depends on how well its leaders adapt to new trends and meet customer needs. Hotels can harm the environment due to their complex daily operations. Hotels should find green ways to lessen their impact while pleasing guests. Green efforts need strong leadership that involves staff and guests. This paper looks at adaptation of recent trends and green practices by the hotels of Chh. Sambhajinagar and how managers, staff, and guests see them. It studies how green actions affect sustainability and creates a green plan for hotels to improve operations and results .To attain this aim we developed a questioner and circulated among the hotel employees of each department from local four and five star hotels. This study aims to address adaption of new trends for the green and sustainable practices by the hotels of Chh. Sambhajnagar, It focuses to identify the most effective ways and practices that will help the hospitality industry to contribute towards environmental, economical and social sustainability. This study aims to provide information about current aspects of sustainability and to provide valuable inputs on upcoming trends and prospective of green and sustainable practices in hotel industry. It also aims to provide information to the hoteliers, managers, stakeholders about the advantages and difficulties of implementing green sustainable trends in hospitality industry.

Key words: Sustainability, Green steps, Hospitality , Sustainable development , Hotel industry , Sustainable trends.

Influence of Industrial Training Module on Undergraduate Students of Hotel Management

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Abstract

In the present era of hospitality industry, industrial training plays crucial role for the under graduate students those who have chosen hotel management sector. One should be very much skillful to adopt the new strategies for the better future. This study explores the influence of training programs followed in the different modules with various hotels on undergraduate students of hotel management. As the hospitality industry demands skilled professionals capable of managing diverse operational challenges, training is a critical component in equipping students with the necessary skills, knowledge and attitudes. The research focuses on various training techniques such as induction, skill based learning, keeping records of the learning through practical workshops, internships, daily Log Book and industry-specific certifications examines how these influences student theoretical understanding, practical expertise, and employability. The primary data for this study will be collected through the structured questionnaire and secondary through the academic journals and different articles. The study will provide us the solutions for real practical issues faced by the student while completing the industrial exposure.

Keywords- Modules, Hotel Management, Industrial Training, Influence,Skills.

The Impact of Personalization of Service on Guest Satisfaction and Loyalty in the Hospitality Industry

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Abstract

The hospitality industry has increasingly emphasized personalized services to enhance guest satisfaction and loyalty. This study examines the relationship between personalized services, guest satisfaction, and customer loyalty using survey data. A quantitative approach was employed, analysing responses on the importance, satisfaction, and impact of personalized services. Findings demonstrate that personalization significantly influences overall satisfaction, likelihood of return, and recommendation of services. Personalized greetings, tailored amenities, and dining options emerged as key factors. The study concludes that personalization strategies are integral to fostering long-term customer loyalty and enhancing the guest experience. The study incorporates a comprehensive analysis of existing literature, empirical results, and practical implications to offer actionable recommendations for hospitality practitioners.

Keywords: Personalization, Guest Satisfaction, Customer Loyalty, Hospitality Industry, Service Customization

Work-Life Balance and Health Challenges of Flight Attendants in India's Domestic Airlines

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Abstract

The demanding nature of the aviation industry presents unique challenges for flight attendants, particularly in India's domestic airlines, where rapid expansion and high operational demands have intensified work-related pressures. This study explores the work-life balance and health challenges faced by flight attendants in India's domestic sector, focusing on factors such as irregular working hours, frequent layovers, sleep disturbances, and the impact of occupational stress on physical and mental well-being. Through a survey conducted with domestic airline cabin crew members, the study highlights key issues, including chronic fatigue, inadequate rest periods, disrupted circadian rhythms, and dietary irregularities. The findings suggest that prolonged duty hours, short turnaround times, and unpredictable rosters significantly affect the personal lives and overall health of flight attendants. The study also reveals that women face additional challenges in balancing work and family responsibilities. The results emphasize the need for airlines to implement structured fatigue management programs, enhance crew scheduling policies, and provide better support for employee well-being. Addressing these concerns is essential for improving job satisfaction, performance, and safety in the domestic aviation sector.

Key Words: Work-Life Balance, Flight Attendants, Occupational Health, Fatigue Management, Aviation Industry, Mental and Physical Well-being.

Integrating Sustainability in Food Production and Beverage Operations: A Study on Waste Reduction, Cost Management, and Consumer Acceptance in the Hospitality Industry

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Abstract

The hospitality industry is facing a pressure of using sustainable methods incase of food and beverage services. This is also significant for the environment safety, cutting down on waste, and saving money. This study looks into how to use sustainable practices with a focus on three main areas: cutting waste, managing costs, and getting consumers on board.By using different techniques that minimize waste, like controlling portion sizes, composting, reusing ingredients, and keeping track of inventory better, businesses can lower food waste and run more efficiently. Likewise, managing costs in a sustainable way, through energy-saving kitchen tools, buying from local suppliers, and planning menus smartly, can help increase profits while supporting social responsibility efforts. How consumers view sustainable options is very important for these efforts to succeed. The study looks at how customers think about eco-friendly dining choices, whether they are willing to spend more on green products, and how sustainability labels affect their loyalty. The results show that good communication and education about sustainability can positively affect how consumers act and how they see a brand.

In summary, the study shows that adding sustainability into Food and Beverage operations helps to protect the environment and also improves profits and customer happiness. It provides, practical suggestions for hospitality businesses to adopt good sustainability practices while staying competitive in the field..

Keywords: Sustainability, Waste Reduction, Cost Management, Consumer Acceptance, Hospitality Industry

Benefits of Digital Libraries in Hospitality Research

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A digital library is a collection of digital objects, such as books, magazines, audio recordings, video recordings and other documents that are accessible electronically. Hospitality research encompasses studies within the hospitality industry, exploring areas like food and beverage, travel and tourism, lodging, and recreation, aiming to understand consumer behavior and improve services. Digital libraries have revolutionized the field of hospitality research by offering effortless access to extensive collections of scholarly articles, industry reports, and case studies. These platforms allow researchers, students, and industry professionals to investigate the newest trends, consumer behavior, and operational methods more effectively. Digital libraries present numerous benefits, such as remote access, real-time updates, advanced search capabilities, and multimedia integration, which improve knowledge gathering and data evaluation. Additionally, they promote interdisciplinary collaboration by linking hospitality researchers with specialists from related areas like tourism, business, and sustainability. By minimizing expenses linked to physical archives and encouraging sustainability, digital libraries play a vital role in fostering more efficient and environmentally friendly research practices. I have using secondary date for this research paper. Literature Review, website as well as. Overall, the findings confirm that digital libraries are essential tools for advancing hospitality research, fostering innovation, and promoting sustainable knowledge-sharing practices. This paper emphasizes the essential contribution of digital libraries in enhancing hospitality research and driving innovation within the industry.

Keywords: Benefits, Digital libraries, hospitality research

"Government vision and Policies for Sustainable Tourism Development in India"

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Abstract:

Sustainable tourism practices in India are not new to India. Sustainable tourism is crucial for India's economic growth while balancing environmental conservation and community well-being. The tourism sector's capability as a sustainable and inclusive development driver was renewed with the 10th Five Year Plan. India's sustainable tourism vision includes eco-tourism initiatives, community-based tourism projects, and conservation efforts for cultural heritage sites. Governments need to take more responsibility for making tourism more sustainable. They are responsible for the legislative framework, and the planning system, within which tourism businesses operate, national parks and cultural heritage are conserved for future generations and through funding determine how the country should be marketed. The Government will aim to achieve necessary linkages and synergies in the policies and programs of all concerned stakeholders by establishing effective co-ordination mechanisms. This paper examines India's multifaceted sustainable tourism policies, exploring the nation's efforts to balance economic growth in the tourism sector with environmental conservation, community engagement, and cultural preservation. This paper will not only help India but people of other countries also to learn about the importance, meaning and need of sustainable tourism. These recommendations formed the foundation for a comprehensive tourism development strategy in India. The emphasis was on organisational restructuring, policy formulation, and integration into broader national and regional development plans. The research is a review based literature.

Keywords: Sustainable Tourism, Sustainable Tourism Vision, Sustainable Tourism Policy.

Green Training, Recruitment, and Empowerment: Exploring Their Combined Effects on Organizational Green Innovation

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Hotels in Uttarakhand are adopting Green Human Resource Management (HRM) practices to align with the global push for sustainability, aiming to enhance their competitiveness and environmental responsibility. This study explores the influence of green recruitment, green training, and green empowerment on fostering green innovation within the hotel industry in Uttarakhand. It examines how initiatives like employee empowerment programs, eco-friendly hiring practices, and green training contribute to promoting green innovation in selected hotels. A survey conducted at selected leading hotels in Uttarakhand reveals that employee empowerment significantly amplifies the effects of green HRM practices, while effective green hiring and training are essential for driving organizational green innovation. The insights from this study will be invaluable for hotel managers and HR professionals seeking to advance sustainability through strategic HRM approaches.

Keywords: Green Training, Green Recruitment, Green Empowerment, Green Innovation, Sustainability.

Survey for Available Job Opportunities for BBA Aviation and Hospitality Students Chh.Sambhajinagar

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Introduction: The aviation and hospitality industry is a dynamic sector offering diverse career opportunities for graduates. This study aims to analyze the current job market for BBA Aviation Hospitality students, identifying key employment trends, job roles, and employer expectations. The research focuses on understanding the demand for professionals in aviation, hospitality, travel, and tourism, as well as the skills required for successful employment. A survey-based research approach was used to gather data from aviation and hospitality recruiters, and industry experts. Additionally, students and recent graduates were surveyed to understand their job search experiences. Data was collected through structured questionnaires, assessing job availability, preferred sectors, required skills, and salary expectations. Additionally, job portals and company career pages were reviewed to analyze market demand. The collected data was statistically analyzed to identify employment trends. The findings indicate that airport operations, airline customer service, hotel management, travel consultancy, and event management are the most common job opportunities for graduates. Employers prioritize candidates with strong communication skills, customer service expertise, and industry-specific certifications. The study highlights the need for internships, networking, and skill development programs to improve employability in the industry. Through this survey we came to know the job opportunities in the Aviation and Hospitality sectors.

Keywords: Aviation, Hospitality, Opportunities, Employment Trends, Skills, Industry Demand

Plant-Based Meat: A Sustainable Alternative to Conventional Meat Environmental, Nutritional, and Market Perspectives in India.

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Abstract

Plant-based meat is gaining popularity as a sustainable and ethical alternative to conventional meat, particularly in India, where diverse dietary patterns and cultural preferences influence food choices. These products are designed to replicate the taste, texture, and nutritional profile of traditional meat using plant-derived ingredients such as soy, peas, wheat, and fungi. Advances in food science, including extrusion technology and molecular gastronomy, have enabled the development of plant-based alternatives that closely mimic animal-derived meat. This study aims to assess the environmental, nutritional, and market impacts of plant-based meat in the Indian context while exploring factors influencing consumer acceptance, such as taste, pricing, health benefits, and cultural considerations. A mixed-method approach is employed, including a literature review of existing research, consumer surveys with a sample size of 280 respondents, direct interviews with consumers, nutritionists, and food industry experts, and a comparative analysis of plant-based and conventional meat in terms of protein content, fat composition, greenhouse gas emissions, and resource utilization. Data analysis methods include descriptive statistics to summarize survey responses, chi-square tests to analyze relationships between consumer demographics and adoption trends, regression analysis to identify key purchase drivers. The findings indicate that plant-based meat has a significantly lower environmental footprint, requiring less water, land, and energy while producing fewer greenhouse gas emissions than conventional meat. The study suggests implementing consumer awareness programs to educate people on nutritional and environmental benefits to enhance taste and texture for Indian preferences, and government policies and industry support, including subsidies, tax incentives, and research funding, to promote large-scale production and affordability. This research contributes to the growing discourse on alternative proteins and sustainable food systems in India, highlighting the potential of plant-based meat as a viable mainstream protein source.

Keywords: Plant-based meat, sustainability, nutrition, India, consumer behaviour, food technology, environmental impact, market trends.

The Impact of Digital Training Platforms On Employee Performance And Retention In The Hospitality Industry.

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Abstract:

This research examines the influence of digital training platforms on employee performance and retention within the hospitality sector. It analyzes the relationship between digitaltraining and factors such as job satisfaction, employee engagement, and intentions to leave, offering valuable insights for hospitality organizations aiming to improve their employee development and retention approaches.

The hospitality sector is characterized by its dynamic nature and competitive landscape, necessitating a workforce that is both skilled and knowledgeable to provide outstanding customer experiences. Nonetheless, this industry faces a significant challenge with high employee turnover rates, which are estimated to be between 70-80% annually (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020).

Despite the increasing implementation of digital training platforms in the hospitality industry, there remains a pressing need for further investigation into their effects on employee performance and retention. This study aims to fill this gap in knowledge by examining the influence of digital training platforms on employee performance and retention in the hospitality sector. Specifically, it will explore the connections between these platforms and various employee outcomes, including job satisfaction, engagement, and intentions to leave the organization. This research aims to explore the effects of digital training platforms on employee performance and retention within the hospitality sector.

Key Words: Digital Training Platforms, Employee Retention, Employee Performance

A study of Impact of Push and Pull factors on Destination Image of Mumbai

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Abstract

Mumbai, often referred to as the "City of Dreams," is a major urban destination that attracts a large number of domestic tourists due to its rich history, economic opportunities, and cultural vibrancy. This study examines the push and pull factors influencing domestic tourists' decisions to visit Mumbai and explores how these factors shape the city's destination image.

Push factors are intrinsic motivations that drive individuals to travel, such as the desire for escape, adventure, relaxation, and personal growth. On the other hand, pull factors are external attributes of a destination that attract tourists, including infrastructure, historical landmarks, entertainment options, and cultural attractions. This qualitative research employs in-depth interviews with select domestic tourists to gain insights into their motivations to travel to Mumbai. A Thematic analysis is used to identify recurring themes in the data collected through interviews.

The findings indicate that push factors such as cultural curiosity, business purposes, and the desire to fulfill personal aspirations are key motivators for tourists visiting Mumbai. Conversely, pull factors motivating tourist visits are Mumbai's rich heritage sites, vibrant street food culture, bustling shopping districts and Bollywood-related attractions. The study highlights that these factors collectively shape Mumbai's destination image. These insights offer valuable implications for tourism stakeholders thereby providing a foundation to develop targeted promotional strategies, improve tourist experiencesand strengthen Mumbai's destination image. By leveraging these factors effectively, Mumbai can increase tourist intentions to visit and revisit the city.

Keywords: Mumbai Tourism, Pull factors, Push factors, Destination Image

Influence of Hotel Management Education on the Society

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The hospitality industry, particularly hotel management, plays a significant role in shaping economic growth and social structure. Hotel management education, which equipsstudents with the necessary skills and knowledge, has become a crucial component of thissector's development. This research explores the influence of hotel management education on the society, specifically focusing on its impact on economic growth, cultural perceptions, andsocietal transformations.The primary purpose of this study is to evaluate how hotel management education contributes toboth individual career development and broader societal advancements in India. The aim is tounderstand the relationship between professional training in the hospitality industry and theevolving social dynamics within India.The main objectives of this study is, to assess the role of hotel management education inshaping employment opportunities in India, to examine its influence on the cultural andsocial norms of communities, to explore how the development of the hospitality industryimpacts economic growth and urbanization.A mixed-methods approach has been employed to achieve the objectives. Qualitative data are to be collected through interviews with industry professionals, educators, and students, whilequantitative data will be gathered via surveys distributed to graduates of hotel managementprograms. The data analysis focused on identifying trends in employment rates, changes insocietal attitudes, and the direct and indirect contributions of hotel management education toIndia's economy.The results indicate that hotel management education has a significant impact on improvingcareer prospects, fostering entrepreneurship, and promoting urbanization. Furthermore, it hascontributed to altering societal norms by encouraging professionalization and globalizationwithin Indian society. The study concludes that hotel management education is a catalyst forboth individual and societal development, playing a key role in shaping society's future.

Keywords: Hotel management education, Hospitality Industry, Economic growth, social mobility, Sustainability.

Trends in the Hospitality industry: Transformation, Innovation and Comprehensive Analysis

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The hospitality industry is constantly evolving due to technological advancements, changing consumer preferences, and global economic shifts. Innovations such as artificial intelligence, sustainability initiatives, and personalized experiences are shaping the future of hospitality. This study explores emerging trends influencing the sector, including digital transformation, eco-friendly practices, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on operational strategies.The primary purpose of this study is to analyze the latest trends in the hospitality industry and their implications for businesses, employees, and customers. By understanding these trends, industry stakeholders can make informed decisions to enhance customer satisfaction and business efficiency.To examine the influence of digitalization on customer experience and operational efficiency.To assess the growing role of sustainability in the hospitality sector.To analyze the impact of health and safety measures on consumer behavior.To explore the future of hospitality in a post-pandemic world.This study employs a qualitative research approach, incorporating secondary data from industry reports, academic journals, and market research. Additionally, case studies of leading hospitality brands are analyzed to understand real-world applications of this trends.Findings indicate that technological integration, including AI-driven chat bots and smart hotel automation, is enhancing customer engagement. Sustainability initiatives such as eco-friendly hotels and waste management practices are becoming essential. Furthermore, post-pandemic safety protocols have led to new operational standards that continue to shape guest expectations.

Keywords: Hospitality industry, emerging trends, digitalization, sustainability, customer experience, post-pandemic hospitality, technology in hospitality.

Influence of Gen Z's Hospitality Preferences on Hotel Design and Operations

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Generation Z (Gen Z), the cohort born between the late 1990s and early 2010s, is rapidly becoming a key consumer group within the global hospitality industry. These demographic exhibits unique preferences that are significantly influencing hotel design, service delivery, and operational strategies. Unlike previous generations, Gen Z places a strong emphasis on sustainability, technology, personalization, and social consciousness, which are reshaping the way hotels cater to their needs. This research investigates the impact of Gen Z's preferences on the hospitality sector, focusing on how hotels are adapting their facilities and services to meet these evolving demands. Using a mixed-methods approach, this study combines qualitative insights from industry experts and hotel guests with quantitative data from surveys to understand Gen Z's expectations regarding hotel experiences. The research highlights Gen Z's desire for eco-friendly practices, seamless digital interactions (such as keyless entry, mobile check-in, and voice-activated services), and community-building spaces within hotel properties. Moreover, it explores how hotel designs are being altered to create visually appealing environments that align with social media trends, as well as the importance of personalized experiences that cater to individual preferences. The findings reveal that hotels must innovate to attract Gen Z travelers by integrating sustainable practices, enhancing technological features, and offering authentic, social experiences. Additionally, this study provides actionable insights for hoteliers, designers, and marketers seeking to stay competitive in a rapidly changing market. This research underscores the significant influence of Gen Z on the future of hospitality, highlighting the need for the industry to adapt its strategies and operations to meet the expectations of this emerging consumer group

Keywords: Generation Z, hospitality preferences, hotel design, sustainability, technology integra-

"Exploring Sustainable and Innovative Practices in the Hospitality Industry"

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ABSTRACT

This study explores various innovative and sustainable practices in the hospitality industry and provides insights into their future potential. It is based on qualitative research using secondary sources such as books, journals, and news articles.

Sustainability is a key concern for individuals, businesses, and governments, especially in a developing country like India. To succeed, hospitality businesses must balance three important aspects: the planet, people, and profit. By integrating innovation with sustainability, the industry can create value for all stakeholders while reducing its environmental impact. These practices help improve services, increase efficiency, meet customer expectations, and stay competitive in a fast-changing market.

Many hospitality businesses understand that adopting sustainable and innovative strategies enhances their brand value while ensuring financial success. As the industry evolves, it must continue to innovate to meet the needs of tech-savvy Millennials and future generations.

Keywords: Innovation, Sustainability, Hospitality, Environment

Abstract: Eco-Friendly Interior Design in Hospitality Spaces

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The hospitality industry is increasingly recognizing the imperative of sustainable practices. Eco-friendly interior design plays a pivotal role in minimizing environmental impact while enhancing guest experience. This abstract explores the key principles and strategies employed in creating sustainable hospitality spaces, focusing on material selection, energy efficiency, waste reduction, and the integration of biophilic elements.

This study examines the use of recycled and renewable materials, such as reclaimed wood, bamboo, and cork, for furniture, flooring, and wall coverings, reducing reliance on virgin resources and minimizing embodied carbon. Furthermore, it investigates strategies for optimizing energy consumption through efficient lighting systems, natural ventilation, and smart building technologies. Waste reduction is addressed through the implementation of closed-loop systems, composting programs, and the elimination of single-use plastics.

The integration of biophilic design principles, incorporating natural light, vegetation, and natural patterns, is explored for its ability to enhance guest well-being and connection to nature, while simultaneously improving indoor air quality. Case studies of successful eco-friendly hospitality projects are analyzed to demonstrate the practical application of these principles, highlighting the balance between environmental responsibility, aesthetic appeal, and functional performance.

Ultimately, this abstract argues that eco-friendly interior design is not merely a trend, but a fundamental shift towards creating sustainable and responsible hospitality spaces that benefit both the environment and the guest experience.

Keywords: Eco-friendly, interior design, sustainable, hospitality, biophilic design, upcycled décor, green architecture.

Studying the Benefits of Home Gardening On Sustainable Living And Nutrition.

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Introduction:

The world is facing unprecedented challenges, including climate change, food insecurity, and declining environmental health. As the global population continues to urbanize, there is a growing need for sustainable solutions that promote environmental stewardship, nutrition, and community well-being. Home gardening, a timeless practice that combines physical activity, social connection, and access to fresh produce, has emerged as a powerful strategy for promoting sustainable living and nutrition. By cultivating their own fruits, vegetables, and herbs, individuals can reduce their reliance on industrial agriculture, decrease their carbon footprint, and enjoy a more nutritious and diverse diet. Home gardening also offers a range of additional benefits, including improved mental health, increased food security, and enhanced community engagement.

Objective:

Home gardening contributes to environmental sustainability, including reduced carbon footprint, improved air and water quality, and enhanced biodiversity and to examine the effects of home gardening on nutrition: Assess the impact of home gardening on dietary diversity, nutrient intake, and food security.

Methods:

This study was conducted at a home garden located in Aurangabad, near the post office. The questionnaire was filled by the individuals who are practicing home gardening and those who are not practicing. Sample of 20 individuals were taken.

Result:

1. Environmental Benefits: Home gardening reduces carbon footprint by 20%, improves air quality by 15%, and enhances biodiversity by 30%.
2. Nutritional Benefits: Home gardening increases dietary diversity by 25%, nutrient intake by 20%, and food security by 30%.

Conclusion:

This study demonstrates the profound benefits of home gardening on sustainable living, nutrition, and community well-being. The findings highlight the potential of home gardening to promote environmental stewardship, improve nutritional outcomes, and foster community engagement and social connections.

Keywords: Home gardening, Sustainable living, Healthy lifestyle, nutrition

Comparative study of marketing strategies of a home baker and a commercial Baker

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Abstract

The baking industry has witnessed significant growth in recent years, with both home bakers and commercial bakeries adopting diverse marketing strategies to attract customers. While commercial bakeries often have greater resources and wider customer reach, home bakers leverage personalized approaches and niche markets. This study explores the unique marketing strategies employed by both business types, examining their effectiveness in driving customer engagement and sales. The primary objective of this study is to compare the marketing strategies of home bakers and commercial bakeries to identify key differences, strengths, and challenges faced by each. The research aims to provide actionable insights that can help small-scale bakers and established bakery businesses improve their promotional efforts.A content analysis of social media pages, websites, and promotional materials from selected home bakers and commercial bakeries was conducted. This analysis examined visual content, branding styles, customer engagement tactics, and marketing trends. Additionally, observational research was carried out by tracking customer interactions, foot traffic patterns, and product display strategies in selected bakery outlets.The findings reveal that home bakers heavily rely on personalized social media marketing, storytelling, and community engagement to connect with customers. They often use visually appealing content and customer interaction to build loyalty. Conversely, commercial bakeries utilize broader advertising platforms, loyalty programs, and strategic partnerships to expand their customer base. While commercial bakeries benefit from brand recognition and scalability, home bakers excel in fostering personal connections and offering customized products.

Conclusion: The study concludes that blending personalized content with targeted marketing strategies can enhance customer engagement for both types of businesses. For aspiring bakers and small business owners, adopting adaptable strategies that combine creativity with consistency can lead to improved business growth and customer retention.

Keywords: Home baker, commercial bakery, marketing strategies, customer engagement, business growth

A Comparative Study on Sustainable Innovative Practices in 5-Star Hotels in Pune

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This research paper focuses on sustainability in the hospitality industry, particularly in 5-star hotels which consume significant resources. This study explores and compares sustainable innovative practices implemented in 5-star hotel in Pune. The research aims to identify best sustainable initiatives, analyse their impact on hotel operations and evaluate their effectiveness. Data was collected through surveys and structured interviews 5 five-star hotels from managers and staff. A comparative analysis was performed using ANOVA and regression analysis. Finding indicates the energy efficient systems; waste management policies and green certification contribute to operational sustainability. The study provides recommendations for enhancing sustainable innovation practices in the hospitality sector.

Objective of the study

- To examine the sustainable innovative practices adopted by 5-star hotels in Pune.

- To compare the effectiveness of these practices in terms of energy conservation, waste management, and water usage.

- To analyze the impact of sustainable initiatives on operational efficiency and customer satisfaction.

- To evaluate the role of green certifications in the sustainability efforts of luxury hotels.

Keyword: sustainability, hospitality, innovative practices, waste management, and green certification

Redefining Hospitality in the Age of Influencers: Analysis of Indian Travel Bloggers Shaping Sustainable Tourism Narratives

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In India travel bloggers have become key influencers in shaping sustainable hospitality by promoting ethical travel practices on social media. Top leading digital content creators including Shivya Nath (The Shooting Star), who focuses on slow travel and eco-tourism; Archana Singh (Travel See Write), an advocate for sustainable and responsible tourism; Lakshmi Sharath (LakshmiSharath. com), who specializes in heritage and sustainable tourism storytelling; and Siddhartha Joshi (The Wanderer), who provides insights into cultural and experiential travel, share their travel experiences through platforms like Instagram and YouTube. They also utilize long-form blog content on their websites to provide in-depth perspectives on eco-friendly accommodations, responsible tourism, and sustainable travel practices.This study employs a qualitative content analysis to examine how these leading Indian travel bloggers construct sustainability narratives in the hospitality industry. By analyzing blog posts, sustainability claims, embedded media, audience engagement, and brand collaborations, the research identifies key themes related to green accommodations, low-impact travel, and ethical tourism. The study also explores whether long-form blog content offers greater credibility and deeper insights compared to social media posts. Additionally, it assesses how influencers navigate authenticity in brand partnerships and whether blog readers are more inclined to adopt eco-conscious travel choices based on influencer recommendations. The findings will provide valuable insights into how influencer-generated content is reshaping trends in the hospitality sector and will offer strategic recommendations for both travel influencers and hospitality brands on effective and ethical sustainability storytelling.

Keywords: Sustainable hospitality, travel influencers, digital storytelling, ethical tourism, sustainability narratives.

The Influence of Travel Vlogging on India's Hotel Industry: A Digital Revolution

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The digital revolution has transformed the Indian hospitality industry, with travel vlogging emerging as a powerful influence on consumer behavior. Travel vloggers leverage immersive storytelling through platforms like YouTube, Instagram, and Facebook to share real-time experiences, influencing hotel choices and travel decisions. This study examines the impact of travel vlogging on India's hotel industry, focusing on how consumer perceptions, brand engagement, and booking patterns are shaped by vlogger-generated content.Through qualitative and quantitative analysis, this research explores the role of travel vloggers as digital influencers and their effectiveness in hotel marketing strategies. By analyzing case studies of Indian hotels collaborating with popular travel vloggers, the study highlights how these partnerships drive direct bookings, enhance brand credibility, and improve online visibility. Furthermore, consumer surveys reveal that travelers increasingly rely on vlogs for authentic reviews, pricing insights, and destination inspiration, often prioritizing vlogger recommendations over traditional advertising.

However, the study also identifies challenges such as the authenticity of sponsored content, ethical concerns in influencer marketing, and the volatility of social media algorithms affecting hotel brand reach. As the industry adapts to a digital-first approach, Indian hotels must integrate vlogger-driven promotions with traditional marketing strategies for a balanced and effective outreach. This paper contributes to the growing discourse on digital tourism by offering insights into the evolving dynamics of influencer marketing in the Indian hospitality sector. The findings suggest that strategic collaborations with credible travel vloggers can provide a competitive edge, making influencer marketing a vital component of modern hotel branding.

Keywords: Travel Vlogging, Indian Hospitality Industry, Digital Marketing, Influencer Marketing, Consumer Behavior, Social Media

SDG-Driven Hospitality Industry: A Gandhian Review

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Introduction

The hospitality industry positions itself in a crucial conjunctive role in our global village, serving as a platform that brings together diverse cultures and communities. As a key stakeholder in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this industry is uniquely positioned to promote sustainability across socio-economic, political, and ecological dimensions. This research investigates how the hospitality sector can foster a culture of mindfulness and cooperation, ensuring that resources are utilized to benefit current generations while safeguarding those of the future. The study highlights the urgent need to address the climate crisis, declining human bonds, increasing individualism, and socio-political animosity. Hospitality industry has tremendous untapped potential to cement the gap between mind, heart and hand of the people.

Key Concepts

1. **Sustainability as an Attitude**: Beyond environmental stewardship, sustainability embodies a mindset that values ethical, responsible action across socio-economic, political, and ecological domains.

2. **The Role of Hospitality in a Global Village**: Acting as a microcosm of global society, the hospitality industry promotes cultural exchange and understanding, fostering a sense of belonging among diverse groups.

3. **Creating a Social Climate of Righteousness**: Sustainable hospitality practices cultivate an environment that prioritizes fairness, justice, and care for individuals and communities, enhancing the overall social fabric.

4. **Interconnectedness in a Global Village**: The industry's globalized nature brings together diverse backgrounds, promoting cultural exchange essential for global cohesion and mutual respect.

5. **Building Bridges**: The warmth and inclusivity of hospitality can dissolve barriers, encouraging dialogue and collaboration to address shared global challenges.

Methodology

This research employs a mixed-methods approach, incorporating qualitative interviews with industry stakeholders, guest surveys, and case studies of successful sustainable hospitality practices

Postulation

1. **Holistic Resource Management**: Effective management of resources, including renewable energy and waste reduction, is essential for sustainability. Hotels and restaurants that implement these strategies not only reduce their ecological footprints but also serve as role models in their communities.

2. **Community Engagement**: Successful hospitality businesses actively engage with local communities, sourcing food locally and hiring local staff. This supports local economies and enriches the guest experience, fostering authenticity.

3. **Cultural Inclusivity and Sensitivity**: Training staff in cultural awareness is crucial for creating welcoming environments that celebrate diversity. This sensitivity enhances the guest experience and promotes respect among different cultures.

4. **Policy Advocacy**: The hospitality sector can play a vital role in advocating for policies that support sustainable practices, influencing local and national governance to prioritize sustainability in tourism and hospitality planning.

Conclusion

The hospitality industry has significant potential to contribute to the SDGs through responsible practices that benefit both current and future generations. By fostering a culture of mindfulness and inclusivity, the industry can effectively build bridges among diverse communities, promoting a more equitable and sustainable world. The recommendations provided aim to enhance sustainable practices across the sector, ensuring that the hospitality industry remains a cornerstone of community development and global cooperation.

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