A REPORT ON PARTICIPATION OF BHM STUDENTS AT AGAZ-E-HUNAR – A TALENT HUNT FOR YOUNG CHEFS

The Bachelor of Hotel Management (BHM) students of Integral University, Lucknow, showcased their extraordinary culinary talents at Agaz-e-Hunar – A Talent Hunt for Young Chefs, organized by SKAL INTERNATIONAL at IHM Lucknow. This prestigious competition brought together budding chefs from various institutions, providing them with a remarkable platform to demonstrate their skills and gain industry exposure.

Under the guidance of their coordinating faculty member, Mr. Feroz Haider Alvi, the students meticulously crafted a four-course Awadhi Cuisine Menu, blending traditional flavors with artistic presentation. Their culinary mastery mesmerized the esteemed panel of judges, leaving an unforgettable impression. The jury Panel comprises experts from various fields like Chef Deepak Singh, Sous Chef, Taj Mahal Lucknow, Chef Chandra Gopal, CDC, The Centrum Hotel Lucknow, Mr. Pankaj Giroti, Chief Advisory Member, TallOak Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Rahul Nama, General Manager, Novotel Lucknow. The students' dedication and innovation truly reflected their passion for the hospitality industry.

The competition saw participation from some of the most **renowned five-star hotels**, including **Taj Mahal Lucknow**, **Novotel Lucknow**, **and The Centrum Hotel Lucknow** along with Air India, Alpha Products and ALC. This provided an invaluable opportunity for students to interact with top industry professionals and understand the standards of fine dining and hospitality.

As a recognition of their commendable efforts, the students were awarded certificates of participation. Moreover, the higher authorities of the organizing hotels assured them that they would be given preference for job opportunities in the future upon presenting this certificate. This assurance serves as a major career boost, reinforcing the significance of such competitions in shaping the future of young chefs.

Participation in **Agaz-e-Hunar** has not only enhanced the students' confidence but has also expanded their professional network. The event was a stepping stone towards promising careers in the hospitality industry, inspiring them to strive for excellence in their culinary journey.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE COMPETITION























