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## WHAT SUP

### IIHM & IHC CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY DAY DIGITALLY TO LIFT SPIRITS

**H**ospitality stalwarts and professionals from across the world joined in on Zoom to celebrate the 7th International Hospitality Day on April 24. Celebrations started in advance in various parts of the world. Gambia Tourism and Hospitality Institute celebrated a day in advance. Augustinian University Columbia celebrated by sharing their rich culinary heritage with IIHM. This showed how the spirit of hospitality is upheld in every part of the world in these trying times.



Puneet Chhatwal (*iriser*), MD and CEO, Indian Hotels Company, was the guest of honour. "It's a wonderful way to celebrate International Hospitality Day bringing in 50 different countries from different time zones on a single platform, which has been made possible by IHC and IIHM. Hospitality has shown resilience, patience and compassion through the past year," said Chhatwal.

In view of the ongoing pandemic, International Hospitality Council (IHC) and IIHM celebrations had to be restricted to the online platform. However, there was no dearth of enthusiasm as everyone joined in from across the world to experience the celebration. Snapshots:



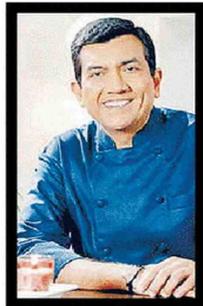
We created the International Hospitality Day six years back so that we all in this most incredible industry can celebrate hospitality. Today it is celebrated in over 50 countries. As we are going through difficult times, the IHD makes us even more resilient and passionate to serve the hospitality industry with positivity and enthusiasm.

— Suborno Bose, CEO & convener, International Hospitality Council & CEO, IIHM & IndiSmart Group Worldwide



I congratulate IIHM, Suborno Bose and everyone for keeping the spirit of hospitality alive. The hospitality industry is invaluable to the world and there are five pillars that will bring this industry back. First of all is commitment to the industry that we love. Second is confidence that the industry will definitely come back. Travelling is not just about the physical travel but the mental journey that we take that makes hospitality so important. Third is communication. We all need to connect to make sure no one is alone. Fourth is compassion, which so many people in this industry are showing, braving the virus to take care of people. The final one is connection. Connecting hospitality to other industries will help build the new future of this industry.

— Anita Mendiratta, global advisor and author, Tourism and Development, special advisor to secretary general, UNWTO



Celebration is a feeling that comes from within and today the world has come together on International Hospitality Day to celebrate hospitality. Congratulations to IIHM for instituting International Hospitality Council and establishing International Hospitality Day on April 24. The hospitality industry has shown a lot of compassion in this pandemic period and has redefined its meaning. IHD has brought the world together to celebrate this compassion and hard work of individuals in this field.

— Padma Shri chef Sanjeev Kapoor



The hospitality industry is vital to the world economy. There is no lockdown on friendship and hospitality. It is a wonderful industry that will surely bounce back better once it opens up completely. It provides key skills and opportunities to young people. IIHM is an institution that leads in world initiatives like IT in the hospitality industry, creating opportunities in the industry and bringing people together. IIHM is a fantastic institution that has done so much to connect the world.

— Prof David Foskett, MBE, chairman, International Hospitality Council (IHC)



#### THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS:

- Patu Keswani, MD, Lemon Tree Hotels
- HH Gaj Singh of Marwar-Jodhpur, president of The Heritage Association of India, managing director, Marudhar Hotels Board of Director ITC Hotels
- Paul P John, chairman and MD, John Distilleries Pvt Ltd
- Rajeev Samant, founder and CEO of Sula Vineyards
- AD Singh, founder and MD, Olive Group of Restaurants
- Deepak Ohri, CEO, Lebuva Hotels and Resorts
- Ranju Alex, market vice-president, West India, Marriott International
- Nakul Anand, executive director, ITC Limited
- Rupinder Singh Sodhi, MD, Amul India
- Visheshwar Raj Singh, VP and GM, The Oberoi
- Veer Vijay Singh, CEO and MD, Trancee Hotels

#### IHC HOSPITALITY WITH A CAUSE AWARD

- Roseate Hotels and Resorts
- Chef Edia Cotla, Cota Cuzinha
- Sachin Maheswary, GM, Grand Mercure, Bangalore
- Chef Regi Mathew, founder, Kappa Chakka

#### The event being streamed on Zoom

#### IHC ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- Kapil Chopra, founder and CEO, The Post Card Hotel
- Zorawar Kalra, Founder, Massive Restaurants
- Supriya Vernekar, owner, Vasco Square and Ruuh Restaurants
- Shruti Shibulal, owner, Niche Hospitality, Tamara Group
- Girish Subhash, entrepreneur/restaurant, Fromage Group
- Chef Chalpathi Rao, managing partner, Simply South Restaurants
- Nishant Kakhani, owner of Sphere Lounge Café, founder of Robotics School, MD, Radisson Metals & Alloys
- Rajnish Chopra, founder, RC Hospitality Solutions, (RCHS)
- Ajay Rawla, Rajbari Bawali

#### IHC RISING STAR OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Sachin Talwar, executive chef, Hyatt Regency, Lucknow
- Shaiban Hasan, executive assistant manager, West Goa
- Ankit Nagori, co-founder, Cult and Eat Fit
- Tarun Seth, Hyatt Regency, Chennai
- Anjums Pasha, founder, Anjums Kitchen
- Nidhi Vadhera
- Pawan Daltani, founder/owner, The Leela Catering Co
- Arnab Das, restaurant manager, Bars and Beverage Operations, Leela Palace & Resorts Goa
- Rahul Karve, sous chef, Hyatt Pune
- Vikas Singh, executive chef, Hyatt Regency Kolkata
- Rohan Chanda, The Steak Factory

- Khanderi
- Marigold by Hotel Green Park
- Tapri, Ronak Bapna
- Food Entrepreneurs' Association
- Sonam Kapse, owner of Terrasime (a restaurant run by people with disability)
- Suruchi Self Help Group

#### IHC WOMAN ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Manisha Bhasin, corporate chef, ITC Ltd, Hotel Division
- Kanika Hasrat, Indian Hotel Company Ltd
- Sherry Padda, executive assistant manager, The Leela Palace, New Delhi
- Kasturi Banerjee, Still Distilling Spirits, Goa
- Odette Mascarenhas, OnM Creative Consultants, food blogger
- Sumera Bhalla, Amavi by Sumera
- Maria Katherina, Grana, Thalassa
- Shraddha Sharma, CEO, Your Story Digital
- Major Aditi Mohan, VP and head, Fidelity National Financial India Pvt Ltd, state president, WICCI Karnataka Defence Personnel Council
- Mathangi Kumar, chef partner, Couch Potato Foods
- Gourabi Sharma, GM — HR & learning development, Voila F9 Gourmet
- Seema Chaturvedi, executive housekeeper, Hotel ITC Kohener, Hyderabad
- Kanika Mehra, HR manager, Hyatt Gachibowli
- Sarita Sarkar, founder and proprietor, Sarkar's Kitchen
- Bhavna Kumari, Deoghar
- Dev Shree, A Stately Home Stay
- Reema Nanavathy, Sewa Foundation
- Trupti Mishra, director of rooms, Novotel Pune
- Pranjali Dhotre, GM, IBIS Viman Nagar, Pune
- Praveena Sake, learning & development manager, Hilton Salwa Beach Resorts & Villas, Qatar
- Vanita Bajoria, director, Hard Rock Cafe, Calcutta
- Sulagna Ghosh, founder, Sienna Store and Cafe
- Roshni Sood, executive chef, Marbella's
- Husna-Tara Nand Prakash, owner & MD, Glenburn Tea Estate & Boutique Hotel

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