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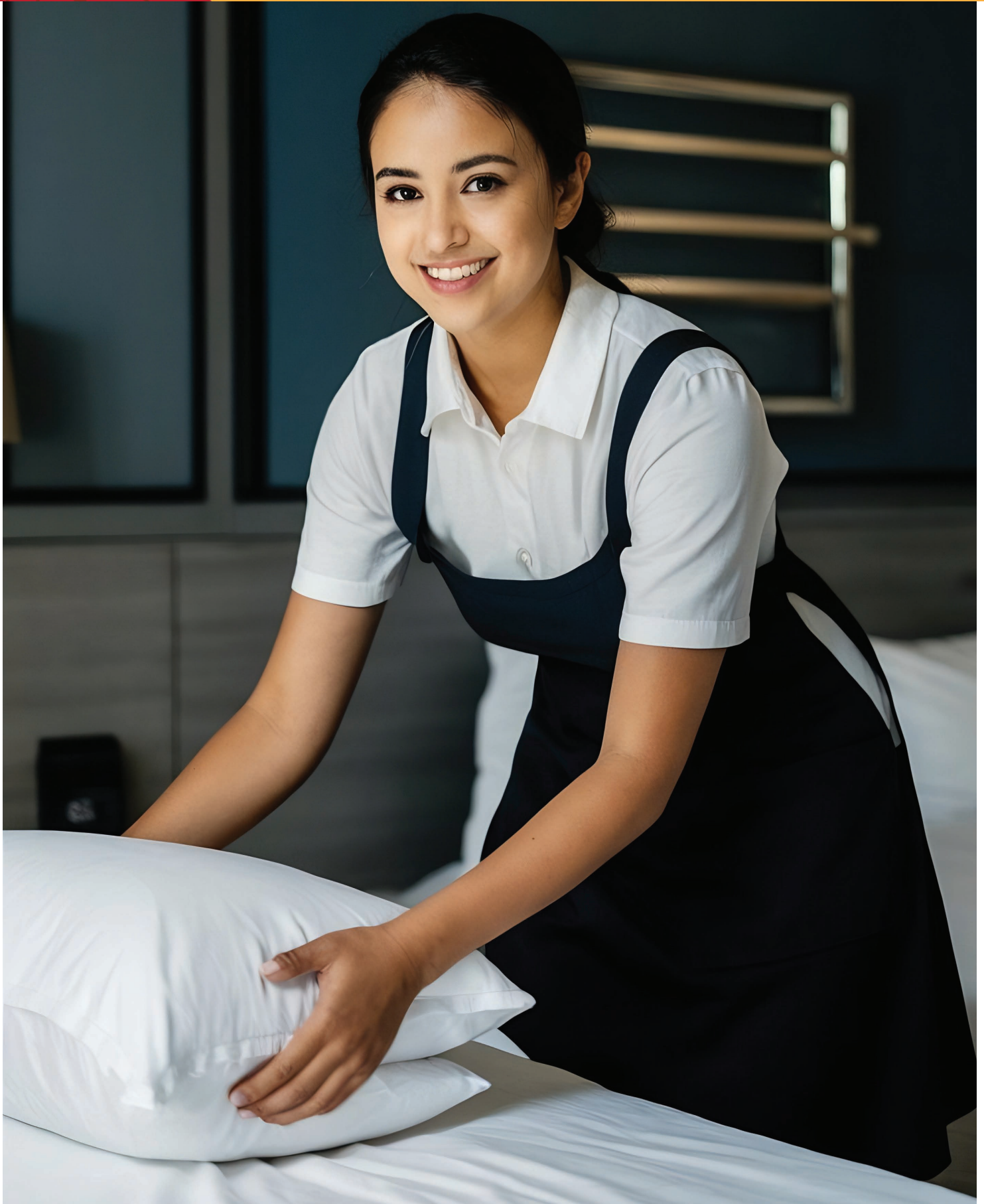


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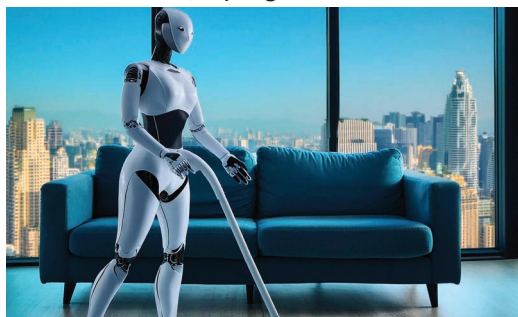
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FROM THE DESK OF FOUNDER PRESIDENT & CHAIRPERSON - PHA

Jayashree Nagaraj

Founder President & Chairperson, PHA

Dear Readers,

The Professional Housekeepers Association (PHA) takes great pride in its continued journey, celebrating the collective achievements and growth of its members. Our association has been a beacon of excellence, consistently providing a vibrant platform for our members to flourish, learn, and conquer new frontiers. The culmination of our tireless efforts is resplendent in the triumphant completion of our 10-year anniversary, a testament to the unwavering commitment of our community. We extend our deepest gratitude to the visionary industry leaders, dedicated PHA members, esteemed collaborators, and enthusiastic attendees who have been the cornerstone of our journey. Thank you for being an integral part of our family and for joining hands to commemorate this glorious decade of triumphs and achievements.

Our guiding principles remain at the heart of every endeavor we pursue. We firmly believe that through our dedicated efforts, we are shaping the future of the next generation of housekeeping professionals 'the YUVA' not only by preparing them for the corporate world but also by instilling a strong foundation of professional ethics alongside academic excellence.

We're proud to be shaping the future of our industry, and delighted to announce that we'll

be hosting the 6th Young Visionary Housekeepers National Convention & 8th Anniversary of PHA YUVA celebration on October 4th, 2025. This milestone event will not only commemorate the growth of our young professionals but will also serve as a platform to showcase creativity, leadership, and innovative practices in the dynamic field of housekeeping.

As we embark on yet another enriching chapter of our association's journey, we are honored to welcome you to the latest edition of PHA's initiatives. This edition, like every endeavor we undertake, promises to inspire, educate, and nurture a sense of camaraderie among our esteemed members.

A well-functioning Professional Housekeepers Association is crucial to the growth and sustainability of our profession. Our mission is to promote high standards of professionalism, advocate for the well-being of our members, and ensure the long-term development of our fraternity. We invite each of you to actively participate, share your insights, and make your presence felt in every initiative and event of PHA. Let's honor our achievements while setting our sights on new heights in the world of housekeeping



Warm Regards,

Jayashree Nagaraj

Founder President & Chairperson,
Professional Housekeepers
Association (PHA)

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Greetings from Professional Housekeepers Association!

As we launch the next edition of our e-Infazine, 'Voice of Housekeepers' (VoH), we invite you to embark on a fascinating journey of discovery and growth. This issue promises to be a treasure trove of thought-provoking topics, expert insights, and innovative ideas that highlight the evolving dynamics of the housekeeping profession.



Delving into the world of guest satisfaction, we explore how personalized services, meticulous design, and careful material selection can elevate the guest experience. We also examine the importance of employee retention strategies, workplace stress management, and cross-training in enhancing team performance. Furthermore, we investigate the impact of emotional intelligence in housekeeping team management and the role of AI in optimizing workforce efficiency.

More than just a magazine, 'Voice of Housekeepers' is a vibrant

community and resource hub for professionals in the housekeeping industry. It provides a wealth of knowledge, fosters camaraderie, and supports professionals in navigating the ever-changing landscape of housekeeping.

This edition is a testament to our commitment to educating, empowering, and inspiring our readers. With a special emphasis on AI-infused housekeeping, technology-enhanced employee well-being, and high-performing team management, we aim to provide practical guidance for

professionals seeking to enhance wellness, guest experience, and entrepreneurship opportunities.

At its core, 'Voice of Housekeepers' embodies the spirit of progress and innovation that drives our fraternity forward. We invite you to engage deeply with the content, share your thoughts, and join us in celebrating the remarkable evolution of the housekeeping profession. Together, let us continue to learn, grow, and inspire one another as we take housekeeping to unprecedented levels of excellence.

Happy reading!

In case you missed our previous issue, here's the link to access it <https://phka.in/e-infozine/>

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Your engagement and feedback are integral to the success of our exploration of the latest trends in housekeeping. We invite you to join the conversation, share your experiences, and be part of a community that is committed to staying at the forefront of industry advancements.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey.

Warm regards



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7th NATIONAL HOUSEKEEPERS' CONVENTION & 10th PHA ANNIVERSARY

A VOH Editorial report

The Professional Housekeepers Association (PHA) organized the 7th National Housekeepers' Convention & 10th PHA Anniversary on 17th May 2025 at The Oterra, Bengaluru. The event witnessed a record attendance of over 220 participants, including industry stalwarts from the Hotel, Healthcare, Facility Management, Aviation sectors, along with hospitality experts and hotel management faculty. Themed "Sustainable Quality Management in Housekeeping," the convention focused on key pillars such as skill development, human asset

nourishment, operational efficiency, and collaborative partnerships to drive sustainable excellence in housekeeping.

The day commenced with a mindfulness session by PHA Heritage Associate Support Partner Mr. Ganesh Narayan, followed by a welcome address from Mrs. Bharti Kalappa, VP – Operations (Delhi & NCR Chapter) and Head – Facilities, Noida International Airport. The lamp-lighting ceremony was graced by Ms. Jayashree Nagaraj (Founder-President & Chairperson, PHA), Mr. Satish Kumar (VP – Hospitality,

Ceres Hotels Pvt. Ltd.), Mr. Srinivas Ramesh Adiga (GM, The Oterra), Mr. Kiran Rao Lingamnenne (President – India, Peppermint Robotics), and Ms. Indrani Sanyal, Chief Convenor, (Coordinator, PHA East Chapter) & Head – Housekeeping, Manipal Hospitals, EM Bypass, Kolkata).

The ceremony began with PHA members and dignitaries paying tribute through the National Anthem, beautifully led by Mr. Ganesh Narayan. This was followed by a soulful invocation song performed by Team Oterra, setting a reverent tone for the event. An



PHA family participating in 7th NATIONAL HOUSEKEEPERS' CONVENTION & 10TH PHA ANNIVERSARY

elegant inaugural dance by Ms. Bindu K.C., VP – Operations, Kerala Chapter and Corporate Housekeeper at Abad Hotels & Resorts, added a captivating touch to the proceedings.

On behalf of the Professional Housekeepers Association, Life Member Ms. Meenu Tognatta paid a heartfelt tribute to the late Ms. Swarnalata Mankikar — a veteran housekeeper from the ITC Group and a cherished Life Member of PHA. Ms. Tognatta fondly recalled her dedication and lasting legacy, honoring her remarkable contributions to the housekeeping fraternity.

The PHA Corporate Video was then presented by Ms. Elizabeth, Executive Member – PR & Media, and Regional HoD – Rooms Division & PR Head South at IIHM Bangalore. This was followed by the PHA Annual Performance Report (2024–2025), delivered by Dr. Rachna Chandan, Editor of Voice of Housekeepers and Associate Professor at Banarsidas Chandiwalla Institute of Hotel Management, New Delhi. The report highlighted PHA's collective achievements and progress at the national level over the past year.

Guest of Honour Mr. Satish Kumar warmly addressed the gathering, reflecting on how life comes full circle — nearly 20 years ago, he was interviewed for the pre-opening of The Oterra, and today he stood at the same venue speaking to a vibrant audience of housekeepers. He highlighted the unwavering strength and vital role of the housekeeping profession. Following this, Lead Speaker Mr. Srinivas Ramesh Adiga delivered a compelling keynote on sustainable living and the critical importance of

integrating technology in modern housekeeping practices.

A dynamic symposium titled “The Power of Talents in Housekeeping Sustainable Quality Management” was expertly moderated by Ms. Meenu Tognatta, Hon. Advisor PHA North and President – Housekeeping Operations, Ernst & Young. The distinguished panel featured Ms. Usha Ramalingam, Corporate Housekeeper, Ceebros Hotels Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Amit Khanna, VP – HR, Bangalore International Airport Limited; Cmde. Brian Thomas, Senior VP, Prestige Property Management & Services; and Dr. Indrajit Chaudhary, Dean, AIMS Institute.

The session sparked engaging discussions on talent as the foundation for sustainable quality in housekeeping. Ms. Ramalingam emphasized balancing operational goals with empathetic team management. Cmde. Brian highlighted adaptive leadership as essential for talent retention, particularly through greater sensitivity to frontline staff. Mr. Khanna stressed the importance of aligning technology adoption with departmental objectives and market demands to enhance guest experiences. Dr. Indrajit underscored the need to strengthen curriculum and incorporate experiential learning to uphold educational quality. Overall, the session reinforced that empowered and well-nurtured teams are central to achieving sustainable excellence in housekeeping.

In his presentation, Mr. Kiran Rao, President – India, Peppermint Robotics and our star sponsor, addressed key challenges confronting the housekeeping industry, particularly the shortage

of skilled manpower and the gap in adequate training. He emphasized the need for innovative solutions and technology integration to bridge these gaps and strengthen workforce capabilities.

This was followed by a research presentation titled “Balancing Technology and AI Integration with Human Expertise – An Industry Perspective,” delivered by four of PHA's esteemed Life Members: Dr. Madhu Chandhok, Hon. Advisor PHA North and Director & Founding Partner, PIP 2020; Dr. Rachna Chandan, Associate Professor, BCIHMCT, New Delhi; Dr. Dharna Shukla, Assistant Professor, Amity School of Hospitality, Lucknow; and Ms. Sandhya Anilkumar, Chief Mentor, PHA YUVA and Assistant Professor, MSRAUS. Their study examined the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on housekeeping, focusing on its effects on housekeepers and guest satisfaction. The research highlighted the indispensable role of human expertise in AI-driven operations to achieve exceptional outcomes.

To strengthen industry collaboration, PHA entered into a strategic MoU with the Hospitality Purchasing Managers' Forum (HPMF). Led by Mr. Nitin Nagrale, Founder & General Secretary of HPMF, this partnership aims to foster closer synergy between housekeeping and procurement professionals, enhancing visibility and impact at both national and international levels. Following this, Mr. Dinesh from Raenco Mills Private Limited delivered an expert talk, introducing his organization and outlining its latest initiatives. Mr. Vedant Matta, representing Charnock Equipments Pvt. Ltd., highlighted the company's

commitment to providing quality, value-driven service products tailored specifically for the hospitality industry.

In a heartfelt moment, the Professional Housekeepers Association (PHA) presented the Decade of Dedication Awards to a group of pioneering housekeepers. These individuals were part of the original team that came together with a shared vision to create PHA. Their unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions over the past decade have been instrumental in shaping PHA into the thriving community it is today.

This year, PHA introduced a dynamic new format spearheaded by Ms. Indrani Sanyal—a high-energy, challenge-based Quality Round Table titled The Housekeeper's Think Tank: Innovate, Elevate, Sustain. Designed to spark innovation in housekeeping, the session featured experts from five key sectors, each represented by a lead and a team of four professionals.

Sector Leads were:

Hotels: Mr. Periyasamy Suresh, Cluster Housekeeper, The Residency Towers, Coimbatore

Healthcare: Ms. Lakshmi, Manager, Apollo Hospitals, Bengaluru

Facility Management: Mr. Sivaguru Mohan, GM – Operations, Denali Facilities & Property Management

Aviation: Ms. Srimanti De, Deputy GM – Terminal & Landside Services, BIAL

Academia: Ms. Nirupama Patra, Convenor of the Convention, V.P L&D Telegana Chapter & Head of Housekeeping, Shri Shakti College, Hyderabad

Participants received a detailed briefing on the session format, followed by a 15-minute challenge to brainstorm, debate, and document sector-specific solutions to real-world issues in sustainability and quality. Each team then presented their findings and expert recommendations to the audience. While the Hospitality team emerged as the winner, the true success lay in the energy, collaboration, and innovative thinking shared across sectors.

Mr. R. Dhanraj from IFB delivered a concise presentation highlighting the brand's key product features and its strong commitment to sustainability. He emphasized IFB's eco-friendly practices, reflecting the company's focus on responsible and environment-conscious operations.

As part of the convention, PHA launched the inaugural PHALYMPICS—a vibrant series of competitions open to Life and Non-Life Members, including Executive Housekeepers from across the country. The contests featured:

- Secret Mantra in Housekeeping Quality Management Practices
- Impactful & Innovative Sustainable Quality Management in Housekeeping
- Green Housekeeping Innovative Idea Challenge

The contests received enthusiastic participation with a strong number of entries across all categories. All participants were awarded Certificates of Participation, while winners were recognized with medals and trophies. An overall championship title was awarded based on maximum participation and points.

Mr. Ranajit Bahera, AGM-Services, BIAL, emerged as the overall champion, securing the highest number of gold medals. Ms. K. C. Meenakshi, Sr. Lecturer at IHM-Hyderabad, was awarded the runner-up trophy, both showcasing exceptional innovation and thought leadership in housekeeping quality management.

Mr. Bharat Aggarwal, Business Director at Diversey, shared insights on the industry's shift toward eco-friendly product technologies and sustainable processes. This was followed by an informative session by Mr. Jha, Manager at Peps Industries Pvt. Ltd., who showcased a variety of mattresses, highlighting their applications and suitability across different industry segments.

A vibrant Cultural Extravaganza was presented by Ms. Sofiya and Ms. Shruthi from Team Sindoori, Apollo Hospital, Chennai. This was followed by a soulful recitation of the PHA Anthem, performed by Mr. Ganesh Narayan.

The event concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Ms. Babita Butola, Co Convenor of the Conference, VP-Operations, PHA Karnataka Chapter, and Executive Housekeeper, Grand Mercure Bengaluru Gopalan Mall. She expressed sincere gratitude to all associates, service providers, collaborators, as well as the Executive and Working Committees for their outstanding support.

HOUSEKEEPER'S CONCLAVE 2024

A VOH Editorial report

On 22nd March 2025, the Professional Housekeepers Association-North organized a 'HOUSEKEEPER'S CONCLAVE 2.0' at the Hotel Doubletree by Hilton Gurgaon organized a prestigious event aimed at celebrating and elevating the field of housekeeping. The event was a testament to the continuous efforts of the PHA to break stereotypes, foster networking, and uplift the housekeeping profession. This conclave also make inputs towards one of the emerging issues trends, challenges and new technologies in housekeeping and hospitality.

The event commenced with the welcome note by Dr. Madhu Chandhok, Founding Partner pip2020, and Honorary Advisor-PHA. Ms. Bharti Singh Kalappa,

Head Facilities, Noida International Airport and Founder member-PHA who opened the event by acknowledging and celebrating the efforts of the founder of PHA, Mrs. Jayshree Nagaraj, highlighting her invaluable contributions to the association and the industry at large.

The conclave commenced auspiciously with the lamp lighting ceremony led by Ms. Dharshan J. Singh, a Legendary Housekeeping Leader, Ex-Corporate Housekeepers, the Leela Group; Mrs. Meenu Tognatta, Hospitality Expert, Ex-Corporate Housekeepers, ITC & PHA Life Member; Dr. Madhu Chandok, PHA Life Member; Ms. Asha Pathania, Vice President Housekeeping at PVR Inox Limited & PHA Life

Member; Ms. Bharti Singh Kalappa, PHA Life Member; Dr. Malini, a Professor in the Housekeeping Department at Amity University & PHA Life Member; Ms. Aanka Arora, Associate Director, Soft Sevices, CBRE & PHA Life Member; and Mr. Sahil Saxena, ASN Pest Control.

PHA corporate video was presented by Ms. Bharti; and PHA YUVA (Young United Visionary Association) video was presented by Dr. Malini to enable the participants to understand the initiatives and contributions made by PHA and YUVA for the fraternity.

Mrs. Meenu Tognatta and Dr. Madhu introduced and felicitated the Board members of PHA-North chapter, including Ms. Bharti Singh Kalappa, Vice President Operations



PHA-NCR; Dr. Malini Singh, Vice President-L&D; Ms. Vanishree Koul, PR, Media, Event & IT Manager; Mr. Zaib Belgaumi, Secretary; and Mr. Nishant Saxena, Treasurer.

Dr. Madhu formally introduced Ms. Darshan ji, the esteemed Guest of Honour for the event. Ms. Darshan ji then delivered a keynote address, imparting invaluable wisdom and insights to the gathering of housekeeping professionals. Her words of wisdom resonated deeply with the audience, inspiring and motivating them to excel in their roles.

The event collaborator, ASN Pest Control, took the stage,

presenting their innovative solutions designed for hotels, hospitals, and multinational corporations.

A thought-provoking Q&A session was moderated by Ms. Asha Pathania, providing a platform for esteemed guests and attendees to share invaluable insights and lessons from their careers. The interactive session facilitated a candid discussion on the challenges and triumphs of being a housekeeper, offering a unique opportunity for knowledge sharing and networking. The audience actively participated, posing pertinent questions and engaging in a meaningful dialogue. The session proved to be an enriching experience, fostering a sense of

community among housekeeping professionals.

One of the event collaborator, Zetetic Environment Systems, also took the stage, presenting their The event collaborator, ASN Pest Control, also took the stage, presenting their eco-friendly solutions to tackle the pressing issue of air pollution.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Mr. Nishant, expressing gratitude to all the speakers, attendees, and organizers for their contributions to a successful program. A group photograph captured the culmination of the inspiring event.



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The Art of Design

A Housekeeper's Perspective

As we embark on the journey of design, it's crucial to grasp the true essence of this multifaceted concept. Design is an harmonious blend of aesthetics and functionality, where form and purpose converge in perfect synchrony. A well-crafted space is not only a feast for the eyes but also a testament to thoughtful planning and attention to detail.

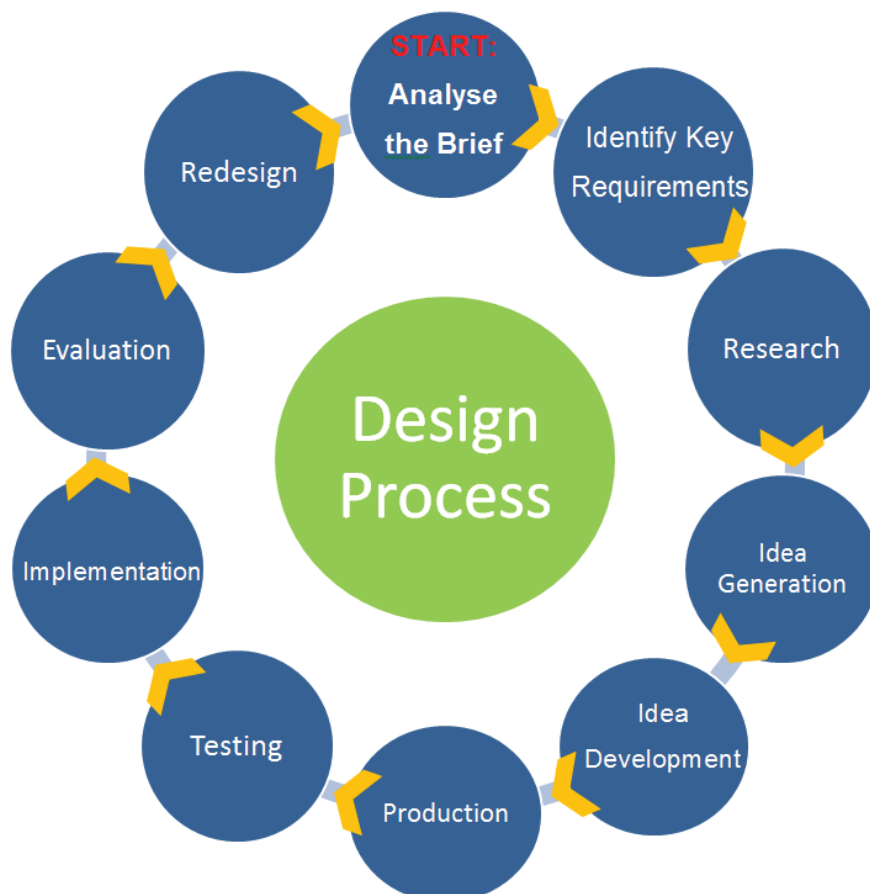
The design process is a meticulously orchestrated sequence of events, commencing with a clear Design Brief that outlines the project's vision and objectives. This is followed by:

1. Local Research: Immersive exploration of the local context, gathering insights that inform the design.



Dr Madhu Chandhok

Founding Partner-Pip2020
Founder-Inspiring Innovative Hospitality (IIH)
PHA Hon Advisory-North chapter



2. Concept Presentation: A visual representation of the design concept, showcasing the creative vision.

3. Schematic Presentation: A detailed illustration of the design, bringing the concept to life through 3D renderings.

4. Construction Drawings: The final stage, where the design is translated into precise, actionable plans

Housekeepers who possess a deep understanding of design principles and materials reap numerous benefits, including:

- **Informed Decision-Making:** The ability to make informed choices about materials, surfaces, and lighting, ensuring a harmonious blend of form and function.
- **Effective Communication:** The capacity to communicate effectively with vendors and designers, ensuring that expectations are met and visions are realized.
- **Innovative Ideas:** A design thinking approach that fosters creativity and innovation, breathing new life into existing spaces

In today's digital landscape, it's

easier than ever to stay updated on the latest design trends and technologies. Housekeepers can leverage online resources to gain insights into global design perspectives, staying ahead of the curve and continually refining their craft.

As design managers, housekeepers must adopt a design thinking approach that enables them to innovate and improve their built environment. By combining knowledge of design principles, materials, and surfaces with a deep understanding of their role, housekeepers can create spaces that are both functional and aesthetically pleasing.

“Being Creative, Adaptive & having a Process-Oriented approach is the key to success in anything that we do.”

By embracing this mindset, housekeepers can unlock their full potential, crafting spaces that are truly masterpieces of design

Design Manager Role inside Organizations

. Strategy

Design contributes to shaping the design organization's vision and strategy.

. Operation

design contributes toward improving the whole system, including its marketing, production, and communications.

. Function

This is the core of the design role, where designers create new, innovative ideas and products.

(Source: <https://www.designorate.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/strategic-thinking.jpg>)

Enhancing Guest Experiences Through Personalised Housekeeping Services

In the ever-evolving world of hospitality, guest satisfaction is the heartbeat of success. Among the many departments working behind the scenes to craft memorable stays, housekeeping plays a pivotal role—not only in maintaining hygiene and aesthetics but also in shaping warm, personal experiences. Today, the focus has shifted beyond clean rooms and crisp linen to delivering personalised housekeeping services that delight, surprise, and leave a lasting impression.

Understanding the Guest Beyond the Booking

Personalisation begins with understanding. Each guest carries unique preferences, routines, and expectations. Whether it's a family on vacation, a solo business traveller, or a repeat guest, tailoring services to suit individual needs enhances comfort and connection. This may include remembering pillow preferences, noting allergies to certain amenities, or simply arranging a child's soft toy on the bed with care.

Many hotels now integrate guest profile systems that allow housekeeping teams to note such preferences. For example, if a guest prefers jasmine-scented room freshener or extra towels, this can be logged for future visits. Recognising and anticipating these details not only improves operational efficiency but creates an emotional bond between the

guest and the hotel brand.

Moments That Matter

It is often the smallest gestures that turn a good stay into an exceptional one. A handwritten welcome note, a thoughtfully folded towel art, or even the effort to wish a regular guest by name can elevate their experience. Housekeepers, who are among the few team members to enter a guest's personal space, have the opportunity to build silent but powerful connections.

During special occasions—Birthdays, anniversaries, honeymoons the housekeeping teams can coordinate with other departments to surprise guests with themed room decor, complimentary amenities, or personalised messages. These thoughtful touches are cherished and frequently shared on social media, strengthening the hotel's reputation organically.

Training for Personalisation

Delivering personalised service requires both skill and sensitivity. Training plays a key role in empowering housekeepers to observe, understand, and act with discretion. At our property, we conduct regular workshops on empathy, attention to detail, and guest interaction. We also encourage team members to share real-life examples where their attentiveness enhanced a guest's experience—fostering a culture of learning and pride.



Ms. Babita Butola,
Executive Housekeeper,
Grand Mercure Bengaluru Gopalan
Mall.
VP–Operations, PHA Karnataka
Chapter



For example, one of our team members noticed a guest struggling with mobility. Without being prompted, she ensured the room was rearranged for better accessibility, placed an extra chair in the shower area, and provided non-slip mats. The guest was deeply touched and wrote a glowing review, acknowledging the kindness behind the service.

Technology with a Human Touch

While technology assists in

streamlining operations, it's the human touch that makes the difference. Housekeeping apps can flag VIP arrivals or note guest preferences, but it's the housekeeper's intuition and initiative that bring these details to life. Smart room controls, eco-friendly amenities, and customisable lighting are valuable innovations, but they must be complemented with warmth and thoughtfulness.

Sustainability Meets

Personalisation

Guests today also value sustainability. Housekeeping can enhance the guest experience by offering eco-conscious choices—like linen reuse programs, refillable amenities, and waste reduction initiatives—while still maintaining comfort. For instance, presenting guests with the option to choose their turndown timing or frequency of linen change shows respect for both their preferences and the environment.

Recognition and Feedback

Personalised service is not a one-way street—it invites feedback and fosters mutual respect. Encouraging guests to share their thoughts, whether via digital surveys or casual conversations, provides valuable insights. Recognising housekeeping team members for going above and beyond not only boosts morale but sets benchmarks for excellence.

The Way Forward

As hospitality evolves, personalisation is no longer a luxury—it's an expectation. Housekeeping, with its daily presence in guest spaces, is uniquely positioned to lead this transformation. By combining attention to detail, emotional intelligence, and a genuine desire to serve, housekeepers can turn ordinary stays into extraordinary memories.

At the heart of it all is one truth: guests may forget the décor, the view, or even the room service—but they will never forget how we made them feel. And that feeling often begins with a knock on the door and a smile from housekeeping.





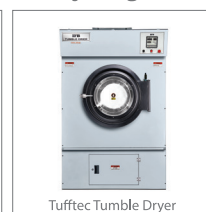
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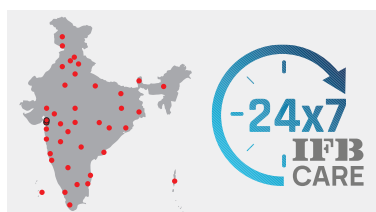
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Addressing Work Place Stress & Burnout Among Housekeeping Staff

Housekeeping teams are the backbone of any hospitality establishment, working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that guest rooms and public areas are immaculate, comfortable, and welcoming. Despite their crucial role, these unsung heroes often face immense pressure, leading to stress, burnout, and decreased job satisfaction.

The job of a housekeeper is physically demanding, with long hours spent on repetitive tasks. The pressure to meet tight deadlines and high expectations for efficiency and quality can be overwhelming, contributing to exhaustion and anxiety. Furthermore, the lack of recognition and appreciation for their hard work can leave housekeeping staff feeling overlooked and undervalued.

To address these challenges and support the well-being of housekeeping staff, hospitality establishments can implement the following practical strategies:

1. Regular Breaks and Manageable Workloads: Schedule regular short breaks during shifts to allow staff to rest and recharge, reducing fatigue and preventing physical strain.

2. Acknowledge and Reward Hard Work: Public recognition can go a long way in boosting morale. Simple gestures like “Employee of the Month” or thank-you notes can make a huge difference.

3. Open Line of Communication: Create a culture where staff can raise concerns and provide feedback, ensuring that their voices are heard and valued.

4. Regular One-on-One Check-Ins: Hold regular meetings with supervisors to identify problems early and create a space for constructive conversation.

5. Positive and Inclusive Work Culture: Foster a workplace culture that is respectful, inclusive, and positive, ensuring that all staff members feel valued and appreciated regardless of their role.

6. Team Building Activities: Organize team-building activities or regular group meetings to foster camaraderie and teamwork, allowing staff to feel part of a supportive community.

By prioritizing housekeeping staff's well-being, hospitality establishments can create a positive work environment and deliver exceptional guest experiences. This leads to increased staff retention, improved productivity, and a better reputation

Improved Staff Satisfaction: When staff feel valued and supported, they are more likely to be satisfied with their job and provide better service to guests.

Enhanced Guest Experience: Happy staff = happy guests. When housekeeping staff are motivated



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and engaged, they are more likely to provide a better experience for guests.

Reduced Turnover: By recognizing and rewarding hard work, hospitality establishments can reduce turnover rates and retain talented staff members.

By taking these small steps, hospitality teams can make a significant difference in the lives of their housekeeping staff, leading to a more positive and productive work environment.





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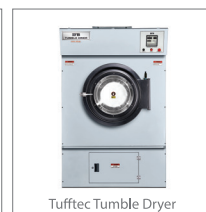


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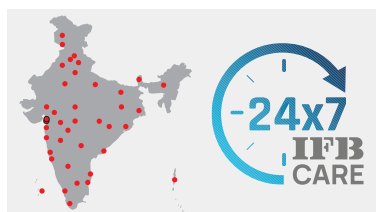
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The Role of Emotional Intelligence in Housekeeping Leadership and Team Management



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In the fast-paced and often high-pressure environment of hospitality, the housekeeping department plays a crucial role in maintaining the quality and reputation of a hotel or facility. While technical skills and operational knowledge are essential, one key factor that distinguishes effective housekeeping leaders and team managers is emotional intelligence (EI). This often-overlooked trait can significantly impact team morale, productivity, and overall guest satisfaction.

What is Emotional Intelligence?

Emotional intelligence is the ability to recognize, understand, manage, and influence one's own emotions and the emotions of others. Coined by psychologist Daniel Goleman, EI comprises five core components:

In housekeeping leadership, these components contribute directly to

how effectively a manager leads, communicates, resolves conflicts, and inspires a diverse team.

1. Self-Awareness in Leadership

Self-awareness allows housekeeping leaders to understand their own emotions, strengths, and limitations. A



self-aware supervisor knows how stress or frustration can influence their behavior and takes steps to manage it. For instance, recognizing signs of burnout enables the leader to seek support or delegate tasks before it affects team dynamics. This level of mindfulness sets a professional tone and fosters a positive working environment.

2. Self-Regulation for Stability and Consistency

Housekeeping teams often deal with tight schedules, guest complaints, and unforeseen issues like staff shortages or maintenance emergencies. A leader with strong self-regulation stays calm and composed under pressure, providing stability for the team. Rather than reacting impulsively or blaming staff for mistakes, emotionally intelligent leaders focus on solutions and encourage accountability in a constructive manner.

3. Motivation: Driving Team Performance

High emotional intelligence includes intrinsic motivation—the drive to achieve goals and maintain high standards. Housekeeping leaders with this trait inspire their teams by setting clear goals, celebrating achievements, and showing passion for quality service. They understand what motivates individual team members—whether it's recognition, growth opportunities, or a sense of belonging—and use this insight to boost morale and performance.

4. Empathy: Understanding and Supporting the Team

Empathy is especially critical in housekeeping management, where staff come from diverse backgrounds and face physically demanding tasks. A leader with empathy listens actively, respects

individual challenges, and demonstrates genuine concern for team well-being. Whether it's accommodating a personal emergency or acknowledging emotional stress, empathetic leadership helps build trust and loyalty.

For example, a housekeeper who feels heard and supported is more likely to be engaged and deliver better service, directly impacting guest experience.

5. Social Skills: Building a Collaborative Team Culture

Social skills enable leaders to communicate clearly, manage conflicts, and foster collaboration. In a housekeeping team, tasks often overlap, and cooperation is essential. Leaders with strong interpersonal skills facilitate teamwork, resolve misunderstandings swiftly, and ensure everyone feels valued.

They also model respectful communication and encourage feedback, creating a culture of mutual support. This helps reduce turnover, improve team cohesion, and ultimately maintain consistent service standards.

Practical Applications in Housekeeping

- **Conflict Resolution:** Emotional intelligence helps managers mediate disputes between team members or address guest complaints without escalating tension.
- **Training and Development:** Understanding individual learning styles and emotional needs allows for more effective training, particularly for new hires or those struggling with performance.
- **Performance Management:** Rather than using fear or punishment, emotionally

intelligent leaders offer constructive feedback and support personal growth.

- **Team Morale:** Celebrating small wins, showing appreciation, and recognizing effort go a long way in maintaining motivation, especially during peak seasons.
- Some more practical applications

Why It Matters More Than Ever

In today's hospitality industry, where guest expectations are higher and staff shortages are common, the importance of a positive and well-led housekeeping team cannot be overstated. Emotional intelligence equips leaders to manage not just tasks, but people—transforming routine operations into a supportive and productive work environment. It also plays a vital role in aligning the housekeeping department with the broader service culture of the hotel or organization. A team that feels emotionally supported and valued will reflect that in their interactions with guests, directly influencing satisfaction and reviews.

While technical expertise and procedural knowledge are critical in housekeeping leadership, emotional intelligence is the glue that holds it all together. It enables leaders to manage themselves, connect with their teams, and adapt to challenges with empathy and confidence. Investing in the development of emotional intelligence among housekeeping supervisors and managers is not just good for team morale—it's a strategic move toward operational excellence and guest satisfaction.

'Emotionally intelligent leadership transforms a good housekeeping team into a great one'

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AI-Driven Workforce Scheduling in Housekeeping: Enhancing Labor Management for Greater Efficiency

Housekeeping plays a critical role in hotel operations, ensuring cleanliness, guest satisfaction, and operational efficiency. However, inefficient workforce scheduling leads to high labor costs, under-utilization of staff, and service inconsistencies. AI-driven workforce scheduling systems optimize staffing levels, improve task allocation, and ensure real-time adaptability based on hotel occupancy and demand fluctuations. This Article explores how AI-driven solutions enhance housekeeping workforce scheduling by automating staff allocation, predicting labor demand, and optimizing task assignments.

Here are some Key AI-Driven Strategies for Workforce Optimization

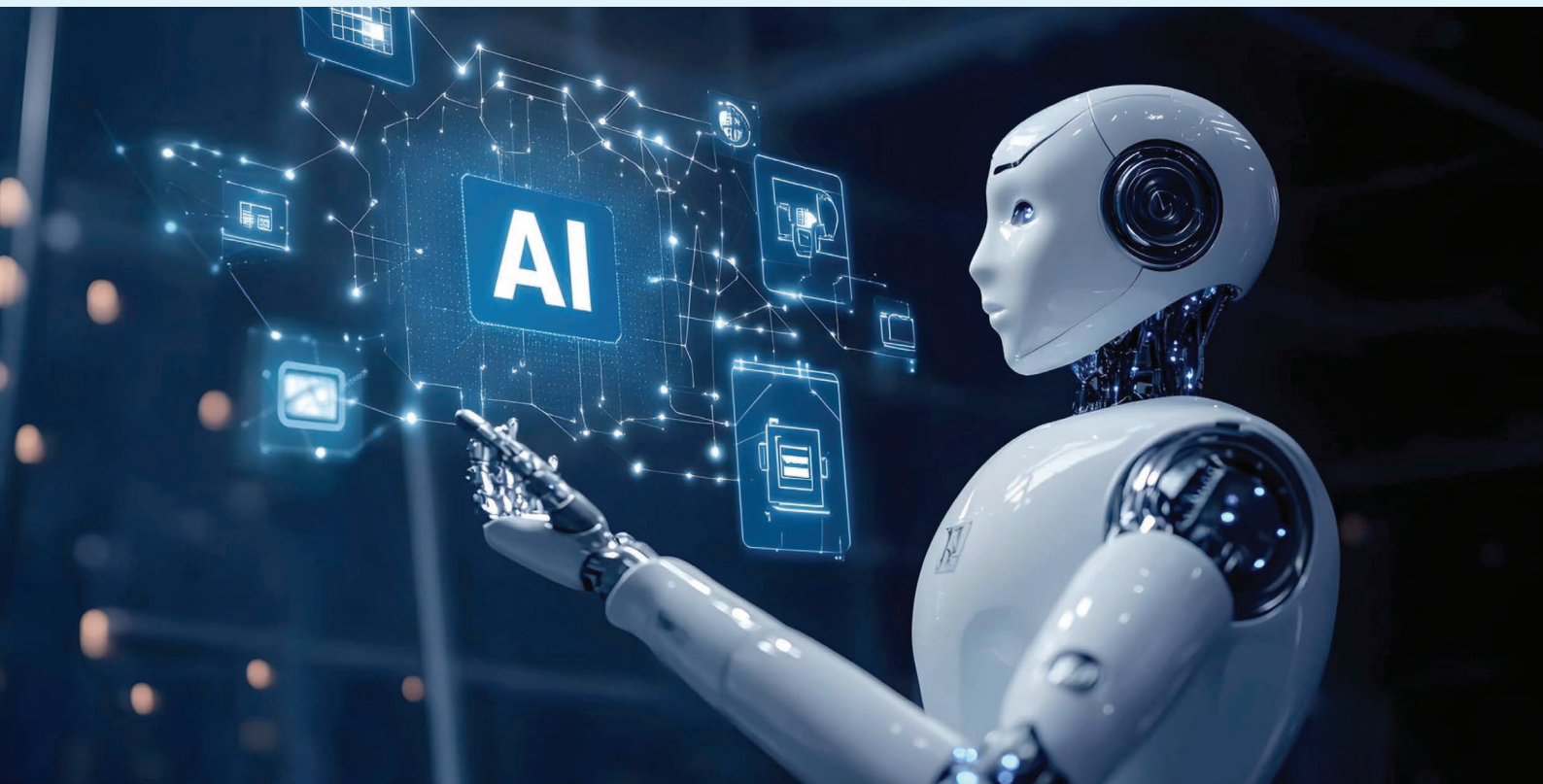
- **Predictive Scheduling with Machine Learning (ML):** AI analyzes historical occupancy data, seasonality trends, and guest preferences to predict labor demands. It also Ensures optimal staff allocation, reducing over-staffing and under-staffing.
- **Dynamic Shift Allocation:** AI automatically adjusts shift assignments based on real-time check-ins, check-outs, and special requests. AI uses reinforcement learning algorithms to continuously improve scheduling efficiency.
- **Task Prioritization & Smart Assignments:** AI clusters tasks based on room priority, guest turnover, and cleaning complexity. It Assigns rooms based on



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proximity, task difficulty, and staff availability, minimizing idle time.

- **Real-Time Monitoring & Adjustments:** AI integrates with IoT-enabled sensors (e.g., room occupancy sensors, smart



cleaning carts) to track progress. AI Adjusts scheduling dynamically based on delays, sick leave, or last-minute bookings.

- **Employee Performance**

Analytics: AI monitors productivity, task completion times, and error rates. It also identifies training needs and rewards high-performing employees.

- **Cost Reduction & Labor**

Compliance: AI ensures compliance with labor laws, overtime regulations, and shift preferences. It reduces labor costs by optimizing shift rotations and eliminating unnecessary overtime.

Benefits of AI in Housekeeping Scheduling

- **Increased Productivity:**

Automated scheduling reduces manual planning time and minimizes scheduling conflicts.

- **Cost Reduction:** Optimized scheduling prevents unnecessary labor expenses, overtime costs, and over-staffing.

- **Enhanced Employee**

Satisfaction: Fair and balanced workloads reduce burnout and improve job satisfaction, leading to lower turnover rates.

- **Improved Guest Experience:**

Faster room turnaround times and efficient cleaning schedules enhance guest satisfaction and hotel ratings.

- **Data-Driven Decision Making:**

AI provides actionable insights into workforce performance, helping managers improve efficiency and resource allocation.

Challenges

- **Implementation Costs:** AI

integration requires initial investment in software, hardware, and training, which may be a

barrier for small and mid-sized hotels.

- **Data Privacy and Security:**

Handling employee work schedules and personal data requires compliance with labor laws and data protection regulations.

- **Workforce Adaptation:** Training staff to use AI-driven scheduling tools is crucial for successful adoption and minimizing resistance to change.

Case studies on specific AI tools that enhance workforce scheduling in housekeeping:

Case Study 1: Marriott

International- Marriott has implemented AI-driven scheduling software that analyzes real-time occupancy data to optimize housekeeping staff allocation. The system reduced overtime costs by 18% and improved room readiness by 25%.

Case Study 2: Hilton Hotels & Resorts- Hilton introduced an AI-powered workforce management system that dynamically assigns housekeeping tasks based on guest check-out patterns and predicted peak times. This approach resulted in a 20% improvement in labor efficiency.

Key AI Tools for Housekeeping Workforce Scheduling

- **IBM Watson Workforce**

Optimization: Uses AI-driven analytics to forecast demand and manage shifts.

- **Quinyx:** A workforce management platform utilizing AI to automate scheduling and optimize labor costs.

- **Legion Workforce**

Management: AI-powered scheduling tool that enhances

productivity and compliance with labor laws.

- **HotSOS by Amadeus:** A task management system that integrates AI for smart task assignments and real-time housekeeping updates.

Case Study 3: Mandarin Oriental adopted Optii to modernize its housekeeping operations. The AI tool used historical data and guest behavior patterns to allocate tasks efficiently.

AI Features:

- Predictive cleaning times using machine learning
- Automated prioritization of tasks
- Real-time data for supervisors

Results:

- Over 10% increase in housekeeping efficiency
- Reduction in overtime costs
- Fewer guest complaints related to room readiness

Case study 4: Highgate Hotels implemented ALICE to streamline housekeeping operations across its properties. The AI tool dynamically assigned tasks based on room readiness, guest check-in/out patterns, and staff availability.

AI Features:

- Real-time room assignment
- Predictive task scheduling
- Mobile task tracking and reporting

Results:

- 23% faster room turnaround
- Reduced manual coordination

Improved communication between front desk and housekeeping

Case Study 5: The Prince George Hotel implemented Smart Hotel Software (SHS) to reduce time spent manually planning schedules

and tasks. The AI engine forecasted staffing needs and distributed tasks accordingly.

AI Features:

- Staff assignment based on guest activity
- Predictive scheduling for peak times
- Room readiness forecasting

Results:

- 15% drop in scheduling conflicts
- Increased guest satisfaction scores
- Better alignment between departments

These tools and case studies illustrate the transformative impact of AI in optimizing labor management for efficiency in the hospitality industry.

Conclusion

AI-driven workforce scheduling in housekeeping transforms labor management by enhancing efficiency, reducing costs, and improving service quality. As AI technology advances, hotels can achieve smarter, real-time, and adaptive workforce management to meet evolving guest demands.

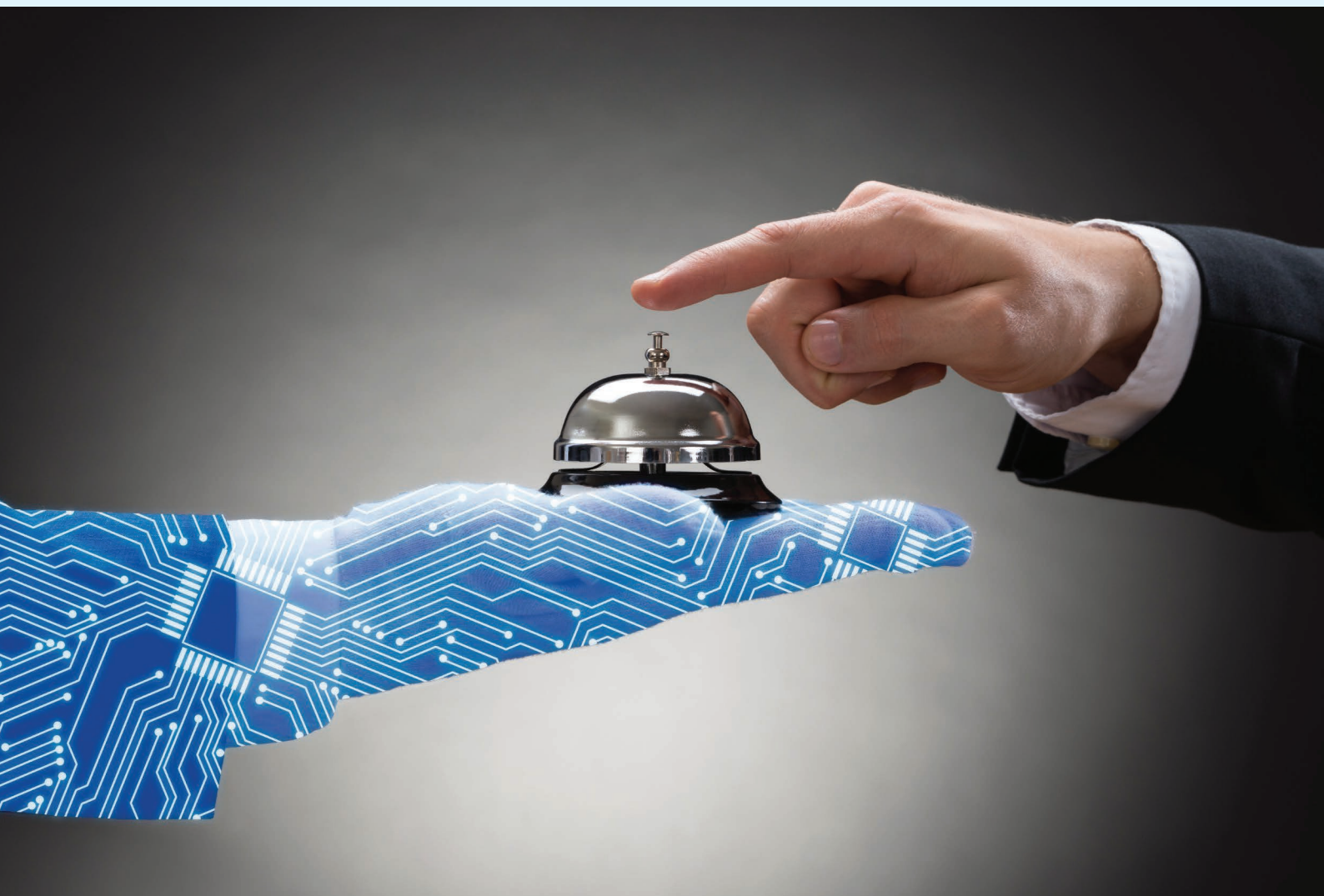
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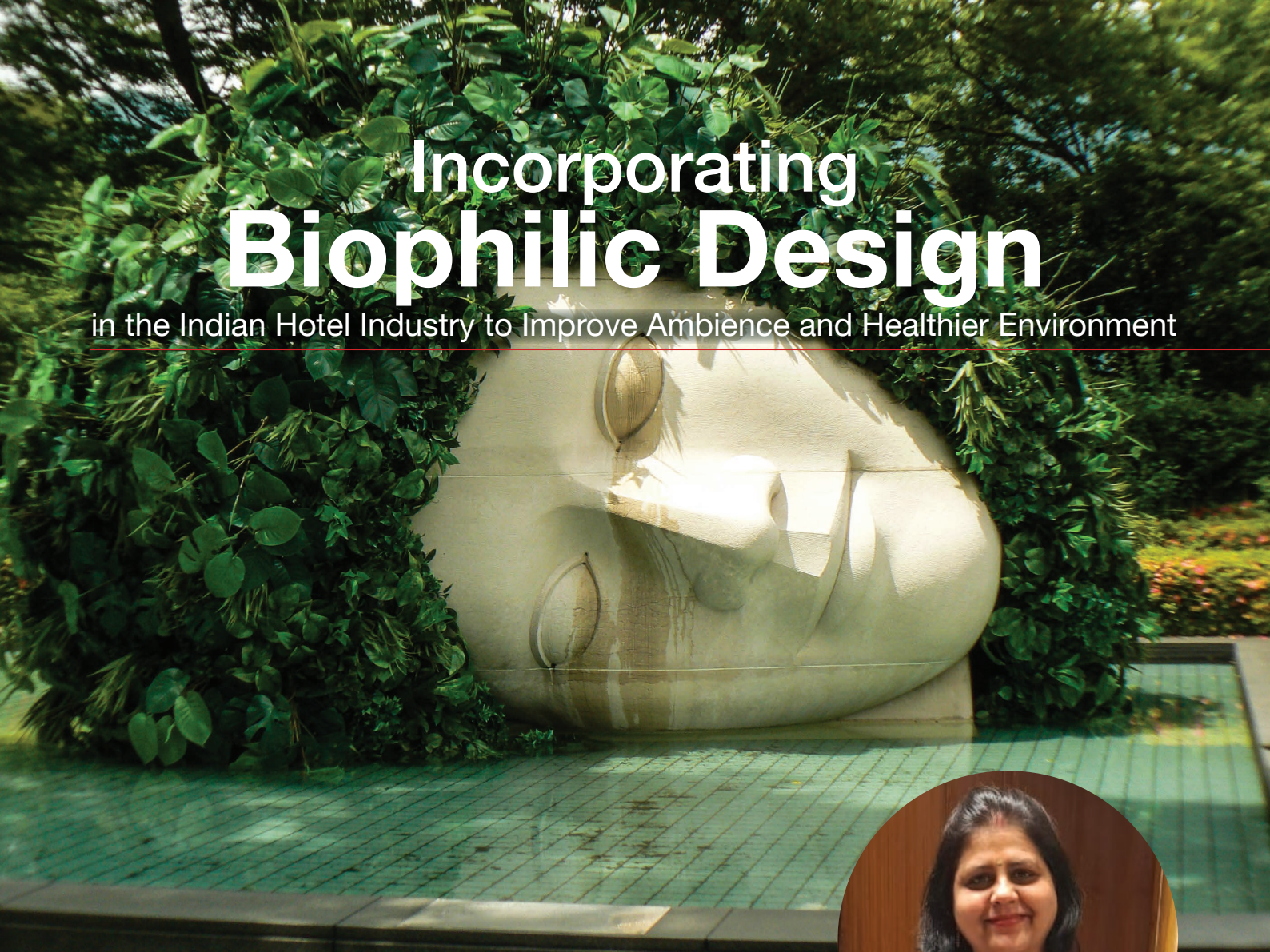
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Incorporating Biophilic Design

in the Indian Hotel Industry to Improve Ambience and Healthier Environment



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The concept of biophilic design stems from the inherent human affinity for nature, rooted in our biological need to connect with the natural world. In the hospitality sector, biophilic design enhances guests' experiences by creating environments that promote relaxation, well-being, and a deeper connection to nature. Incorporating elements such as natural light, green spaces, water features, and organic materials is becoming increasingly vital in the Indian hotel industry. As travellers become more aware of their surroundings and their effects on health, the demand for hotels that embrace these principles is growing.

Importance of Biophilic Design in Hotels

The Indian hotel industry is known for its diverse offerings, ranging from luxury resorts to budget-friendly accommodations. However, with increasing competition and evolving customer preferences, hotels must adapt to stay relevant. Biophilic design offers a multi-faceted solution by enhancing the atmosphere of hospitality spaces while also promoting mental and physical health.

Health Benefits:

- **Stress Reduction:** Natural elements have been shown to lower stress levels, which is a crucial factor for travellers seeking a break from their hectic lives.
- **Enhanced Mood:** Exposure to nature can improve mood and boost feelings of joy and positivity, leading to enhanced guest experiences.

- **Improved Air Quality:** Incorporating plants and natural ventilation can improve indoor air quality, fostering better respiratory health for both guests and staff...
- **Biophilic design can improve the ambience of a hotel by combining natural beauty and architectural elegance. It can also increase comfort by making areas**

feel more welcoming, leading to longer stays and return visits. Examples of biophilic design elements include using natural materials like wood, stone, and bamboo in construction and décor.

Impact on Guests:

Incorporating these biophilic elements has led to positive feedback from guests, emphasizing how the atmosphere promotes relaxation and enhances their overall stay. Visitors often comment on the refreshing experience that intertwines traditional Rajasthani culture with modern design aesthetics. The hotel's commitment to sustainability and health makes it an attractive choice for environmentally conscious travellers.

Incorporating biophilic design into hotels in India is not merely a trend but a significant shift toward creating healthier, more inviting

environments for guests. Hotels like the Fern Residency in Jaipur illustrate how these principles can be effectively implemented to improve the overall guest experience while also fostering a deeper connection with the natural world. As travellers increasingly seek wellness and sustainability in their accommodations, the Indian hotel industry must embrace biophilic design to thrive in a competitive market. By doing so, they will not only enhance their ambience but also play an essential role in promoting healthier lifestyles for guests and a sustainable future for the hospitality industry. Emphasizing the harmony between built spaces and natural environments holds the key to elevating guest experiences and setting new standards in hospitality.

Here are a few examples of Indian hotels that incorporate biophilic design elements effectively:

1. The Leela Palace, Udaipur, Rajasthan

The hotel is surrounded by lush gardens and has expansive views of Lake Pichola. The architectural design integrates water features and uses natural materials, creating a serene environment that mimics the natural landscape of the region.

2. Wildflower Hall, Oberoi, Mashobra, Near Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

Nestled amidst the Himalayas, this resort showcases panoramic views of towering cedar trees. The use of wooden interiors and large windows creates a strong connection with the natural landscape, allowing guests to immerse themselves in the beauty of the surrounding forests.

3. Mahindra Holidays & Resorts, Various locations across India (e.g., Coorg, Mahabaleshwar)

These resorts often incorporate



local flora in their landscaping, feature extensive green spaces, and utilize natural materials in their construction, creating harmony with their mountainous or forested surroundings.

4. ITC Grand Chola, Chennai, Location: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

This luxury hotel emphasizes the use of natural light and incorporates indoor plants in its design. It features elements that reflect traditional Tamil cultural motifs, marrying natural beauty and architectural grandeur.

5. Taj Exotica Resort & Spa, Benaulim, Goa

Set amidst 56 acres of verdant gardens, the hotel integrates water bodies and natural vegetation, creating an ambiance that promotes relaxation. The architecture maximizes the use of natural light and airflow.

These hotels exemplify how integrating biophilic design can significantly enhance guest experience by creating a soothing and rejuvenating environment connecting them to nature.

A CASE STUDY OF BIOPHILIC DESIGN: THE FERN RESIDENCY HOTEL, JAIPUR

One notable example of biophilic design in the Indian hotel industry is the Fern Residency in Jaipur. This property exemplifies how thoughtful design can integrate natural elements, providing guests with an immersive experience that celebrates Rajasthan's rich heritage and majestic landscapes.

Design Elements:

1. Natural Landscaping: At the heart of the hotel are the stunning gardens, beautifully landscaped with native plants that not only enhance the visual appeal but also nurture local wildlife. These gardens invite guests to immerse themselves in nature, offering a truly refreshing escape.

2. Use of Local Materials: The hotel's architecture proudly showcases materials sourced from the local area, like sandstone and terracotta. This choice not only celebrates the rich local culture but also creates a warm, welcoming

atmosphere, where the colors and textures blend seamlessly with the surrounding desert landscape.

3. Indoor Plant Integration: Step inside the Fern Residency, and you'll find vertical gardens and thoughtfully placed planters that bring nature indoors. This integration not only adds a touch of greenery but also helps purify the air, creating a refreshing environment for guests to enjoy.

4. Maximized Natural Light: The hotel's layout is designed with guest comfort in mind, featuring large windows and open spaces that let in plenty of natural light. This thoughtful design reduces reliance on artificial lighting while beautifully connecting indoor spaces with the great outdoors.

5. Water Features: As you enter, a calming water feature greets you, its gentle flow creating a peaceful ambiance. The soothing sound of water transforms the entrance into a serene focal point, inviting guests to relax and unwind from the moment they arrive.



Guest Perception and Review: The Psychology of Cleanliness

In the competitive world of hospitality, cleanliness is far more than a basic requirement—it is a powerful psychological signal that shapes guest perception, influencing online reviews and also determining the overall success of a hotel or restaurant. Cleanliness, or the perception of it, deeply impacts how guests experience a property, how they rate it publicly, and whether they choose to return. While cleanliness is a physical state, the perception of it is largely psychological, influenced by numerous subtle cues that guests consciously and unconsciously evaluate



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Cleanliness as a First Impression

From the moment a guest enters a hotel lobby or walks into a guest room, their senses begin to assess the environment. The brain quickly interprets visual, olfactory, and tactile stimuli to form judgments. A neat reception desk, the absence of clutter, the fresh scent of linen, and sparkling floors collectively create a sense of safety, order, and comfort. These impressions are critical because first impressions are hard to change. If a guest perceives a space as dirty or poorly maintained at first glance, it can negatively color the rest of their experience—even if the service and amenities are outstanding.

This phenomenon is supported by psychological principles like confirmation bias, where people seek evidence that confirms their initial impression. If a guest walks

into a room and notices dust or an unpleasant smell, they are more likely to look for other faults and interpret minor issues more harshly. On the other hand, a visibly clean space predisposes guests to be more forgiving of small inconveniences.

The Role of Cognitive Associations

Cleanliness is strongly associated with safety, hygiene, and professionalism. Especially in a post-pandemic world, these associations have become even more significant. Guests now expect hotels to not only be clean but to demonstrate their cleanliness efforts openly. Seeing housekeeping staff in action, sanitizing high-touch surfaces or using sealed cleaning supplies, enhances the guest's trust in the establishment.

Cognitive psychology explains that humans link cleanliness with health, trust and efficiency. When a room is spotless and smells fresh, it subtly communicates that the hotel values its guests, pays attention to detail and is operating with high standards. These unconscious messages contribute to a guest's emotional comfort and peace of mind.

Cleanliness and Online Reviews

Online reviews have become a primary tool for potential guests when choosing accommodations. Cleanliness consistently ranks as one of the top factors in guest reviews. On platforms like TripAdvisor, Booking.com, and Google Reviews, guests are quick to comment on cleanliness—whether positive or negative.

A single negative review highlighting cleanliness issues

can severely damage a hotel's reputation. In contrast, multiple reviews praising the hotel's cleanliness can significantly boost bookings. This is where the psychology of social proof comes into play. People are more likely to trust the collective experience of previous guests than promotional content from the hotel itself. If others report a clean, hygienic environment, new guests are more likely to believe and expect the same.

Sensory Triggers and Perceived Cleanliness

Interestingly, perceived cleanliness can differ from actual cleanliness. For instance, a room may be sanitized but if it has a musty odor or stained furnishings, guests may perceive it as unclean. Sensory cues play a vital role here:

- **Sight:** The most powerful trigger. Guests notice the state of bedding, bathrooms, carpets, and common areas. Even slight smudges or wear can give a sense of uncleanliness.
- **Smell:** A fresh scent creates a strong impression of cleanliness. Neutral or pleasant fragrances can enhance perceptions, while odors—even if harmless—can raise concerns.
- **Touch:** Crisp sheets, clean towels, and polished surfaces reinforce the feeling of hygiene and order.
- **Sound:** Even subtle background sounds like a humming HVAC system or echoes in a quiet hallway can influence how “clean” and well-maintained a space feels.

Cleanliness and Guest Loyalty

Guests who perceive a hotel as clean are more likely to return, recommend it to others and leave

positive reviews. Cleanliness builds trust—a key element in encouraging loyalty. In contrast, doubts about hygiene or sanitation can cause guests to switch brands or share negative feedback.

Hotel brands that consistently prioritize and communicate their cleanliness standards create stronger emotional connections with their guests. These emotional connections lead to better brand recall, strong preference and long-term loyalty.

Psychological Impact on Staff and Service

Interestingly, the perception of cleanliness also affects staff morale and behavior. A clean and organized work environment boosts employee pride and motivation. When staff feel they are working in a well-maintained place, they are more likely to provide courteous and efficient service, which further enhances guest satisfaction.

Additionally, visible attention to cleanliness by staff reassures guests. For example, if a front desk agent sanitizes their hands before handing over a room key or if a housekeeper is seen wiping surfaces diligently, it reinforces the hotel's commitment to hygiene.

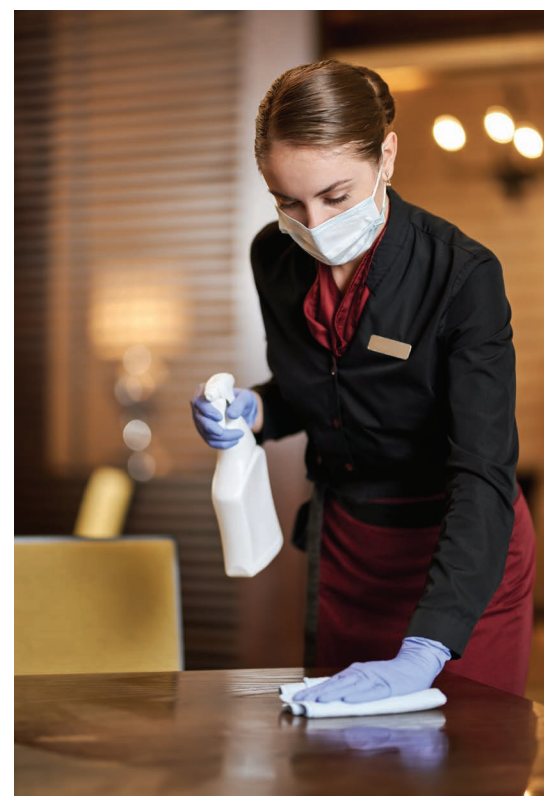
Leveraging Technology and Transparency

Modern technology plays an increasing role in maintaining and showcasing cleanliness. Digital checklists, UV sanitation, smart cleaning devices and real-time feedback tools allow hotels to streamline operations and maintain high standards. But just as important is the transparency of these efforts. Hotels are now highlighting their cleaning protocols on websites, apps and in-room materials exhibiting visibility of their efforts. Communicating the steps

taken to ensure guest safety—such as frequent sanitization, contactless services or housekeeping on-demand—builds trust and meets the guest's psychological need for reassurance.

Cleanliness in hospitality is no longer just about physical maintenance; it is a psychological cornerstone that shapes guest experiences, builds online reputations and accounts for business success. By understanding how guests perceive cleanliness and how these perceptions influence behavior, hospitality providers can design better environments, also train more mindful staff and deploy smarter technologies.

In essence, the psychology of cleanliness is about more than just spotless rooms—it's about building trust, creating comfort while also creating lasting impressions. As guest expectations evolve, so too must the strategies that hotels use to meet—and exceed—them. Cleanliness, when managed perceptively and proactively, becomes a powerful tool not just for satisfaction, but for distinction in a crowded market.



CROSS-TRAINING IN HOSPITALITY: BOOSTING HOTEL OPERATIONS

Cross-training between housekeeping and front office departments in the hotel industry is emerging as a thoughtful approach to improve operational competence, improve guest satisfaction, and optimize workforce flexibility. An emerging guest expectations, technological integration, and labour shortages affecting hospitality, hotels are rethinking traditional departmental silos. This article discovers the current trends and procedures in the hotel industry, outlines the benefits and challenges of cross-training, and provides insights into the projected training practices for housekeeping & front office operations by 2030.

In the highly competitive and

service-driven hospitality industry, seamless coordination between departments is vital for delivering a superior guest experience. Traditionally, hotel departments such as housekeeping and front office have functioned in grain storage, often leading to miscommunication and inefficiencies. However, cross-training initiatives - where employees are trained in multiple roles - are gaining grip as hotels adapt to staffing shortages, rising labour costs, and the need for flexible service delivery.

Current Trends in Hotel

Operations: Several noteworthy trends are determining hotel operations today, influencing the drive toward cross-functional training:



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Labor Shortages and High

Turnover: The post-pandemic labour crisis has left many hotels understaffed. Cross-training offers a solution by creating a more agile workforce capable of filling in across departments.

Personalized Guest Service:

Today's guests expect a personalized and seamless experience.

Sustainability and Efficiency:

Operational efficiency is a priority. Cross-trained staff reduce redundancy, streamline communication, and improve room turnaround times.



AI-based learning platforms that adapt to individual staff members' learning styles and performance gaps, ensuring efficient, personalized training.

This technology will allow employees to practice real-world situations— like managing a high-occupancy day or handling a VIP guest—without the risk of real-time mistakes.

Sustainability & Wellness

Integration: Guests in 2030 will prioritize eco-friendly and wellness-oriented stays, and staff training will be planned accordingly based on the guest requirements.

Housekeeping training will include waste-reduction practices, green cleaning certifications, and water/energy-saving techniques.

Front office staff will be trained to join sustainability programs clearly, encouraging guests to participate (e.g., towel reuse programs, digital check-ins).

Both teams will also receive wellness awareness training, helping them identify and respond to signs of guest discomfort or special needs.

Real-Time Performance

Feedback & Coaching: Instead of annual reviews, real-time data from hotel systems and guest feedback platforms will inform continuous coaching. For example:

Smart devices used during room inspections or check-ins will offer immediate quality ratings and suggestions.

AI assistants will deliver micro-learning content during breaks or shift transitions, reinforcing areas for improvement or celebrating achievements.

Technology Integration: Hotel management systems (HMS), mobile check-ins, and real-time room status tracking now allow for more active coordination between departments, enhancing the effectiveness of cross- functional teams.

Benefits of Cross-Training:

Improved Communication and Coordination: Cross-trained employees comprehend the needs and workflows of both departments, reducing miscommunication and operational delays.

Enhanced Guest Satisfaction: Staff members who are approved to resolve issues across functions can address guest worries more promptly.

Increased Employee Engagement: Offering varied responsibilities and skill development chances can boost morale and reduce income.

Operational Flexibility: During peak times or staff shortages, cross-trained workers can be reassigned where needed most without compromising service excellence.

Cost Efficiency: Hotels can function with leaner teams while maintaining service standards, thus improving productivity.

Vision for 2030: Housekeeping & Front Office Training and Beyond

As the hospitality industry looks ahead to 2030, departments is self-assured for significant transformation. Driven by technology, evolving guest expectations, and a need for sustainable, efficient operations, future training programs will move far beyond traditional job preparation to embrace integrated service delivery and lifelong learning.

Technology-Driven Learning Platforms: By 2030, hotel staff training will be largely digital, using VR, AR & AI based learning platforms.

Virtual Reality (VR) to simulate guest situations, room cleaning techniques, emergency protocols, and front desk operations.

Augmented Reality (AR) to provide real-time guidance during tasks (e.g., overlaying cleaning instructions on smart glasses).



Emphasis on Emotional Intelligence & Guest Empathy:

While automation will handle repetitive tasks (e.g., check-ins, supply tracking), human interactions will be more significant than ever. Training will prioritize:

Empathy and cultural sensitivity for dealing with various guests.

Emotional resilience and stress management, helping staff endure calm during high-pressure circumstances.

Scenario-based training that develops confidence in handling complaints, service recovery, and personalized guest interactions.

Data Literacy and Smart Systems

Understand and act on guest preference data, predictive occupancy models, and dynamic housekeeping schedules.

Use integrated hotel management systems that coordinate room readiness, guest arrivals, and



maintenance alerts in real time.

Cross-training between housekeeping and front office teams offers a practical, forward-thinking solution for hotels facing modern operational challenges. It will be increasing collaboration, boosts flexibility, and augments the guest experience. As the industry moves toward a more integrated, tech-driven, and guest-centric model by 2030, cross-training will no longer be a luxury, but a standard constituent of hotel management policy. The future of hotel operations lies in flexible, multi-talented teams who can provide extraordinary service at each quarrel of the guest experience.

Occupational Health and Safety Challenges in Housekeeping: Best Practices for Preventing Injuries

Housekeeping is an essential department in the hospitality industry, ensuring cleanliness, hygiene, and comfort for guests. However, housekeeping staff face significant occupational health and safety challenges due to the physically demanding nature of their work. Injuries and health risks in this field can arise from repetitive movements, exposure to hazardous chemicals, slips and falls, and lifting heavy objects. Therefore, implementing best practices to prevent injuries is crucial for both the well-being of employees and the efficiency of operations.

Common Occupational Health and Safety Challenges in Housekeeping

1. Musculoskeletal Disorders

(MSDs): Housekeepers frequently perform repetitive tasks such as bed-making, vacuuming, mopping, and lifting heavy objects. These activities can cause musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs), including back pain, joint pain, and carpal tunnel syndrome. Poor ergonomics and improper lifting techniques further contribute to these issues.

2. Slips, Trips, and Falls: Wet floors, cluttered hallways, and uneven surfaces create slip, trip, and fall hazards for housekeeping staff. These incidents can lead to severe injuries, including fractures, sprains, and head trauma. The risk is higher in bathrooms, kitchens, and areas with polished flooring.

3. Exposure to Hazardous

Chemicals: Housekeeping staff handle a variety of cleaning agents and disinfectants, which may contain harmful chemicals. Prolonged exposure to these substances can lead to skin irritation, respiratory problems, and long-term health complications. Inadequate ventilation and improper



use of protective gear increase the risk of chemical-related injuries.

4. Stress and Fatigue:

Housekeeping is a physically and mentally demanding job with tight schedules and high expectations. The pressure to maintain cleanliness within a limited time frame often leads to stress and fatigue, affecting overall productivity and increasing the likelihood of errors and injuries.

5. Biological Hazards:

Housekeepers are exposed to biological hazards such as bacteria, viruses, and fungi while handling linens, cleaning bathrooms, and dealing with waste. These hazards pose serious health risks, including infections and allergic reactions.



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Best Practices for Preventing Injuries in Housekeeping



1. Ergonomic Training and Safe Lifting Techniques

- Housekeepers should receive training on proper body mechanics and ergonomics to minimize strain on muscles and joints.
- Use tools with adjustable handles and lightweight equipment to reduce physical exertion.
- Implement a “bend at the knees, not at the waist” approach when lifting heavy objects.
- Encourage the use of assistive devices like trolleys and carts to transport supplies efficiently.

2. Slip, Trip, and Fall Prevention Measures

- Implement a “wet floor” signage policy to alert staff and guests about hazardous areas.
- Use slip-resistant flooring and mats in high-risk areas.
- Ensure that corridors and workspace are free from obstacles and clutter.
- Provide staff with slip-resistant footwear to enhance stability and grip.

3. Safe Handling and Use of Chemicals

- Housekeepers should be trained in the proper handling, storage, and disposal of cleaning chemicals.
- Always use personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, masks, and goggles when working with hazardous substances.
- Ensure that all cleaning agents are properly labelled and stored in designated areas.
- Improve ventilation in housekeeping areas to reduce exposure to toxic fumes.

4. Managing Workload and Reducing Fatigue

- Schedule regular breaks for housekeeping staff to prevent exhaustion and burnout.
- Tasks should be rotated among

employees to reduce repetitive strain on specific muscle groups.

- Encourage a healthy work-life balance to improve mental well-being and overall job satisfaction.
- Provide access to wellness programs and counselling services to support employees’ mental health.

5. Preventing Exposure to Biological Hazards

- Implement strict hygiene and sanitation protocols to minimize exposure to infectious agents.
- Ensure the use of disposable gloves, masks, and other protective gear when handling waste and contaminated items.
- Train staff on proper hand hygiene practices to prevent the spread of infections.

- Regularly disinfect commonly touched surfaces such as doorknobs, elevator buttons, and handrails.

6. Implementing Safety Policies and Training Programs

- Conduct regular safety training sessions to keep employees informed about workplace hazards and best practices.
- Encourage open communication, allowing staff to report safety concerns and suggest improvements.
- Establish an incident reporting system to track injuries and near-misses, enabling management to implement corrective measures.
- Develop emergency response plans to handle accidents, fire outbreaks, and hazardous material spills effectively.



Housekeeping is a physically demanding profession with numerous occupational health and safety risks. However, by implementing best practices such as ergonomic training, proper handling of chemicals, slip-and-fall prevention strategies, and effective workload management, the risks of injuries can be significantly reduced. Employers must prioritize employee safety through training programs, the provision of protective equipment, and a strong workplace safety culture. By doing so, they not only enhance the well-being of their staff but also improve operational efficiency and guest satisfaction. Creating a safe and healthy work environment in the housekeeping department is a shared responsibility that benefits both employees and the organization as a whole.

The Impact of Housekeeping Standards on Guest Satisfaction and Loyalty



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Hotels endeavor to deliver exceptional guest experiences in the extremely competitive hospitality industry in order to cultivate a devoted clientele. Guest happiness plays an important role in the hotel industry as it strengthens reputation and increases revenue. Upon check-in into hotels, guests place a high value on cleanliness and upkeep as they navigate the lobby, hallways, and other functional

spaces before arriving at their assigned guest rooms. During an individual's stay, cleanliness has an important influence on their emotional comfort and calmness. Guests are more likely to unwind and enjoy their stay when they are assured that their accommodation is clean and orderly. This promotes trust, and brand loyalty is based on trust. Consistent housekeeping standards are often pointed out by repeat guests as motivation.

According to Amadeus Hospitality (2020), when guests feel safe and well-cared for, they are more likely to return and stay at hotels again—factors that are greatly impacted by housekeeping services. So, establishing excellent standards of cleanliness contributes in both bringing in and keeping new guests. As per the report when it comes to selecting accommodations, guests are more concerned about health and hygiene. Especially since the COVID-19 outbreak, guests have become more aware and demanding of cleanliness measures. This has pushed many hotel operators to create visible and reassuring cleaning procedures.

Housekeeping is one of the most important services in the hospitality

industry, where the experiences and contentment of guests are crucial. Ensuring the orderliness, support, upkeep, and aesthetic of the areas can be demanding. The goal is to provide flawless, well-maintained, cozy rooms with cozy surroundings that offer financial incentives. As it is well said rooms are perishable than food, if the rooms serviced by housekeeping is not sold, ultimately there is loss of revenue. A hotel's success relies in its guest rooms. If the furnishings and upholstery are not spotless, the air is not odor-free, and the decor is not interesting, the hotel may lose a possible guest. Adding sophisticated guest room amenities and employing qualified staff are also crucial for gaining repeat business. Employees benefit from a pleasant working environment, which is made possible by the hotel's strong housekeeping methods. Accountability and dependable service delivery can be guaranteed via supervision along with periodic audits.

Hotels housekeeping department ought to incorporate the following into practice in order to continuously uphold high standards:

1. Frequent Inspections: Supervisors are required to check rooms and offer comments.
2. Comprehensive Checklists: Standardized cleaning checklists make sure that no spot is overlooked.
3. Eco-friendly Products: Using sustainable, non-toxic cleaning products enhances visitors' opinions.
4. Guests Feedback Mechanism: Constant improvement is ensured by actively seeking out and acting upon guest comments.
5. Personalized Service: Comfort is increased by noting visitor preferences, such as pillow type or aroma in guest rooms.
6. Sensitizing guests regarding sustainability: for example-water conservation, use of same bed and bath linen, if they are the stay over guests which will encourage them for loyalty programs benefits.



Hotels can use the following important steps to assure guest happiness and promote repeat business:

1. Excellent Guest Services
2. Personalization
- 3 Consistency in Quality
- 4 Loyalty Program
- 5 Continuous improvements
- 6 Effective Communication
- 7 Building relationships

According to a Cornell University survey, 74% of hotel customers would refuse to return to a dirty hotel. In addition, guests who have a pleasant experience are more likely to tell at least nine other people about it. On the other hand, guests who had an awful experience will share it with an average of 16 individuals.

To enhance the next level guest satisfaction there are to name few real-World Industry Examples: International hotel chains have taken initiatives to elevate their housekeeping standards. For instance: Marriott International introduced its "Commitment to Clean" program post-COVID, using hospital-grade disinfectants and contactless services to reassure guests.

Hilton Hotels launched the "Clean Stay" program in collaboration with Lysol and the Mayo Clinic, offering room seals and enhanced cleaning practices.

Taj Hotels in India initiated

the "Tajness—A Commitment Restrengthened" program, focusing on zero-touch hospitality and rigorous housekeeping training.

Housekeeping plays a vital role in driving repeat business and ensuring guest satisfaction, as we firmly believe that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness". In today's hospitality landscape, guests have come to appreciate the significance of a well-maintained hotel environment, and the housekeeping department is a crucial aspect of this. By providing a clean and comfortable space, we aim to make our guests feel like they're in a "Home away from Home", which is a mantra that resonates deeply in the hospitality industry.



A COMPARATIVE STUDY: GUEST EXPECTATIONS WITH HOUSEKEEPING IN BUDGET HOTELS VS LUXURY HOTELS

Housekeeping serves as the operational backbone of hotels, ensuring cleanliness, upkeep, and guest comfort. Effective housekeeping fosters positive reviews, repeat visits, and long-term profitability. In luxury hotels, housekeeping goes beyond necessity—it enhances the guest experience through meticulous attention to detail, personalized service, and an atmosphere of refined hospitality.

In contrast, budget hotels operate with tighter financial constraints, prioritizing efficiency over extensive cleanliness measures. Their strategic focus is on maintaining sanitation within cost-effective limits while ensuring a satisfactory guest experience through standardized housekeeping practices. The significance of housekeeping has grown since the pandemic, with heightened cleanliness expectations adding pressure on hotels. Luxury hotels have responded by investing in labor, technology, and advanced cleaning protocols for guest reassurance. Budget hotels, however, must balance these rising expectations with financial limitations, adapting their approach to maintain both affordability and hygiene.

Frequency of Service- The frequency of housekeeping services is a key distinction between luxury and budget hotels. Luxury hotels provide housekeeping throughout the day, with at least one daily service and often an evening turndown. This aligns with service quality principles of reliability and responsiveness, assuring guests their needs are met without request. This high-touch approach fosters a sense of exclusivity and security, essential to luxury hospitality. Budget hotels, however, typically limit housekeeping to between stays, with some offering daily service only upon request. Many are shifting to an “on-demand” model to cut costs, though this may impact guest convenience. While this approach supports operational efficiency, some guests may find it less desirable than traditional daily housekeeping.

Attention to Detail and Personalisation: Attention to detail is essential, one of the signatures of luxury hotel housekeeping. Beyond the basic cleaning, staff are trained to anticipate the needs of guests and include



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personalised touches. These small yet thoughtful features turn mundane housekeeping tasks into bespoke experiences for guests. For instance, the staff will routinely make adjustments in a guest's room based on prior stays such as the placement of a pillow. This level of adjusting guest rooms provides a sense of relationship and increases the guests' perceived value to their stay. Housekeeping within budget hotels focuses more on functionality rather than personalisation. In budget hotels housekeeping scrubs the bathroom, makes the bed, and wipes down surfaces, but there is little time for the extra touches.

Amenities and Resource Allocation: Luxury hotels maintain exceptionally high cleanliness standards as a core part of their brand promise. Housekeeping staff follow strict protocols to ensure all surfaces are spotless, high-touch areas are disinfected, and textiles undergo regular deep cleaning. Many luxury hotels use hospital-grade disinfectants and air purification systems, with some even employing ultraviolet light sanitation and daily ozonation for optimal hygiene. Senior staff often conduct final inspections to uphold these standards before each guest's arrival.

In contrast, budget hotels take a more practical approach, ensuring rooms are cleaned between stays but with fewer deep-cleaning practices. Operating under tighter financial constraints, they prioritize efficiency over exhaustive cleanliness, adhering to



standardized cleaning times. Deep cleaning is typically done on a rotational basis rather than daily. While luxury hotel guests expect flawless conditions and report even minor infractions, budget hotel guests are generally more forgiving, as long as basic cleanliness is maintained. However, in both segments, cleanliness significantly influences guest satisfaction, online reviews, and repeat business.

Staff Training and Operational Resources- Staff training at deluxe hotels on both cleaning procedures and guest interactions, service protocol, notions of hospitality, etc. is thorough and comprehensive. Housekeeping staff are also given access to advanced tools such as HEPA filter vacuums and electrostatic sprayers to increase cleanliness, quality, and productivity. Supervisors are also present to reinforce the processes, and the staff are trained to be approachable and professional in the guest interaction process. Conversely, the emphasis on staff training in budget hotels tends to be on the speed and efficiency of service. Staff in budget hotels are trained

to provide satisfactory cleaning of a guest room to standard, but typically without an emphasis on formal guest interactions, and details in cleaning. Budget hotels may also experience high turnover rates impacting serving quality and consistency. Budget hotels are also less inclined to use advanced cleaning technology which will benefit comparisons of guest experiences in budget hotel service versus luxury hotel service.

Guest Expectations and Theoretical Implications- Expectations of guests staying in luxury and budget hotels follow similar overarching strategies. Guests at luxury hotels expect a perfect experience, if there is an area in cleanliness or service that is below acceptable, this experience is seen as a management failure to provide a luxury experience. Guests at budget hotels will be less concerned with occasional minor mistakes or accidental failures due because they have price expectations, not quality expectations. From a strategic perspective luxury hotels use a differentiation strategy, and the guest experience is a focus of

the housekeeping department to support maximum guest experience.

The contrast between experiential luxury and functional sufficiency through cleaning practices we can consider an example of luxury hotels which tend to allocate more toward cleanliness, and detailed, effective ways to clean rooms. Budget hotels tend to minimize labor and are more attune to value to meet basic, minimum options for cleanliness. One thing we will continue to see with advancements in technology, such as AI, housekeeping practices may not only improve labor efficiency but also give an enhanced efficient service to meet the economic burdens facing budget hotels. Ultimately, housekeeping service remains one of the top influences of guest perceptions and is consequential in everything from online reviews to brand loyalty. Overall, understanding how difference hotel segments respond to cleaning practices, gives valuable evidence for improved practices in hospitality management that can drive guest engagement in both luxury and budget hotel segments of the industry.

BURNOUT IN HOUSEKEEPING

‘Shedding light on Hospitality’s Silent Backbone’

In the opulent sphere of luxury hospitality where grandeur and flawless service shape guest expectations, there exists an indispensable, often invisible workforce: housekeeping staff. Their continuous hard work ensures the seamless upkeep of cleanliness, hygiene, and ambience that define the guest experience. Yet, despite their pivotal role, housekeepers endure chronic overwork, limited recognition, and a persistent lack of support, all of which contribute to an escalating issue within the industry ‘the burnout’.

This article examines the root causes and impacts of burnout among housekeeping professionals, presenting data-driven insights and proposing evidence-based solutions for industry reform. By centering the experiences of this essential yet overlooked workforce, it calls for a reconfiguration of organizational priorities in hospitality.

UNDERSTANDING THE OBJECTIVE AND METHODOLOGY

The aim of this study is to explore the complex factors driving burnout among housekeeping staff and to critically assess its consequences for both individuals and organizations. Drawing from academic research, frontline interviews, and case studies from leading Indian hotels, this article presents a holistic understanding of the issue.

PRIMARY STRESSORS BEHIND BURNOUT

1. Excessive Workload and Physical Demands: Housekeeping is among the most physically taxing

roles in hospitality. Tasks such as lifting heavy linens, scrubbing surfaces, and pushing supply carts require repetitive and strenuous effort. Chronic understaffing further compounds the issue, often requiring a single worker to clean 15–20 rooms or even more in a shift, leaving little room for rest or recovery.

2. Lack of Recognition: Despite being critical to hotel operations, housekeepers often report feeling invisible. The absence of verbal appreciation or institutional recognition reinforces a sense of being undervalued.

3. Communication Barriers: In diverse, multilingual teams, communication gaps especially when instructions are unclear or schedules change suddenly add significantly to the stress experienced by staff.

4. Limited Autonomy: Rigid supervisory practices and micromanagement restrict housekeepers’ control over their tasks. Breaks, pacing, and decision-making are externally managed, eroding both autonomy and job satisfaction.

5. Exposure to Occupational Hazards: Housekeepers regularly handle harsh chemicals, contaminated waste, and potentially infectious materials. Often, they do so without adequate training or protective equipment, which heightens physical and psychological stress.

DIMENSIONS AND CONSEQUENCES OF BURNOUT

Burnout, as defined by the World



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Health Organization, arises from prolonged workplace stress and manifests in three core dimensions:

- **Emotional Exhaustion:** Persistent fatigue that impairs both physical and emotional functioning.
- **Depersonalization:** A cynical detachment from work, often resulting in reduced empathy and motivation.
- **Reduced Personal Accomplishment:** A loss of confidence and satisfaction in one’s professional contributions.

Several frameworks, such as the Demand-Control Model, help contextualize these effects. When high job demands are paired with low control as is common in housekeeping, stress intensifies. Additionally, emotional labor, such as managing difficult guest interactions or distressing cleaning situations, further accelerates burnout.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL IMPACT

Interviews with housekeepers reveal alarming trends. Workers describe relentless schedules with no proper breaks, minimal career progression, and an expectation to remain “invisible yet perfect.” A senior manager in Chennai highlighted how monotony, low wages, and lack of upward mobility exacerbate mental strain.

The repercussions are far-reaching: For Employees: Elevated risk of depression, anxiety, hypertension, and chronic fatigue. Personal well-being and life satisfaction are significantly compromised. For Organizations: High absenteeism, increased turnover, diminished service quality, and rising training costs. Housekeeping burnout directly undermines operational efficiency and brand reliability.

STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS: A FRAMEWORK FOR CHANGE

Addressing burnout among housekeepers is not just an ethical imperative but a strategic necessity. The following interventions offer a

path toward systemic improvement:

- 1. Ergonomic Improvements:** Introduce adjustable equipment and adopt task-rotation to reduce repetitive strain. Provide comprehensive ergonomic training to promote safe work practices.
- 2. Greater Autonomy:** Allow staff input in scheduling and workflow decisions. Team-based cleaning approaches can foster mutual support and a sense of ownership.
- 3. Recognition Systems:** Implement structured recognition programs, including awards and public acknowledgments. Involve housekeeping staff in staff meetings and organizational discussions to ensure inclusion.
- 4. Mental Health Support:** Provide confidential counseling and stress management resources. Encourage open conversations around mental health to remove stigma and normalize help seeking behavior.
- 5. Managerial Training:** Train supervisors in empathetic leadership and effective communication. Managers should be skilled in identifying early signs

of burnout and offering appropriate support.

- 6. Fair Wages and Job Security:** Advocate for living wages and shift away from precarious contracts. Offer benefits such as health insurance, and support financial literacy initiatives to reduce financial stress.

!!!! A CALL TO ACTION FOR THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY!!!!

Burnout among housekeeping staff is not a natural by-product of hotel operations; it stems from systemic neglect and outdated practices. The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the critical role of frontline workers—yet hospitality must resist the return to old hierarchies and instead adopt a values-driven model centered on inclusion and support.

By investing in the well-being of housekeepers—physically, emotionally, and financially the hospitality sector can enhance service quality while building an ethical and sustainable business model. As the industry moves forward, it must internalize this core truth:



“luxury is not defined by lobbies or linens, but by the unseen hands that make it all possible.”

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PHA is a national body constituted on 16th February 2015, and is the guiding force to the chapters in all states. The first chapter came into force in Bengaluru representing Karnataka with a Board comprising of a Vice President and 9 board members and is actively functioning. Similar chapters in other states have been initiated widening

the reach for the benefit of the Housekeeping fraternity. With more than 400 members from all sectors of the cleaning industry – retail, health care, hospitality, facilities, and educational institutions across the country, PHA has operational chapters in Karnataka, Telangana, Goa and North India.

To instil a sense of pride, comradeship, knowledge & professionalism among the housekeeping fraternity and future housekeeping professionals is the vision of Professional Housekeepers Association.

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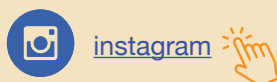
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The foremost objective of PHA Yuva is to bridge the gap between the industry and academia and provide a dedicated forum for networking with industry leaders in the field of housekeeping and related endeavours. PHA Yuva strives to build a knowledge share base for the students of all hospitality management institutes and provide them an opportunity to exhibit their talents.

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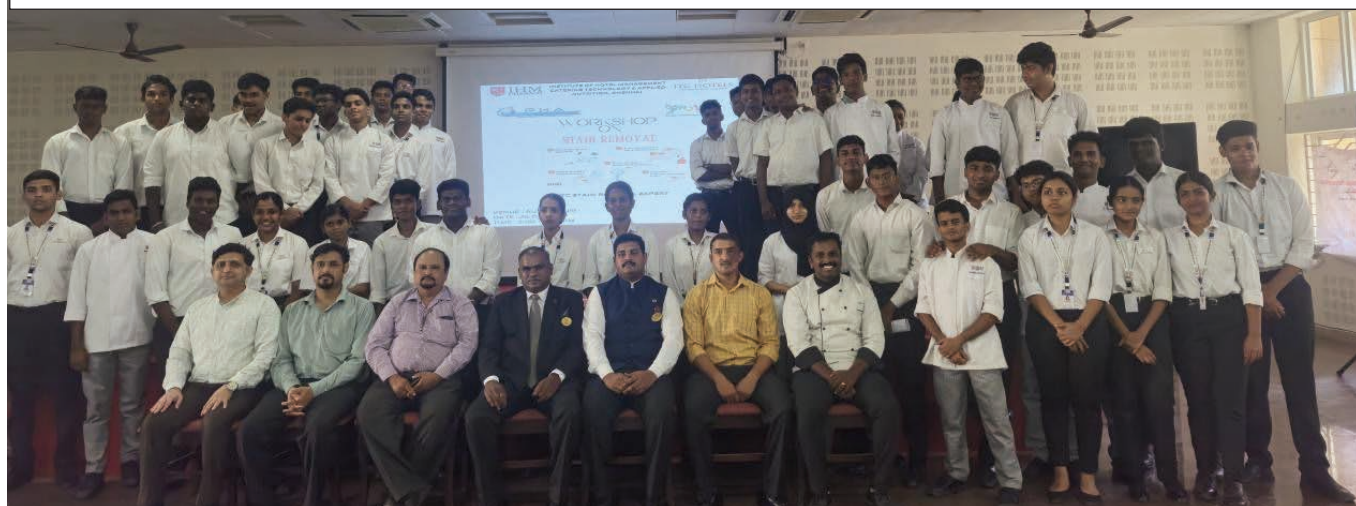
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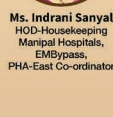
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Housekeepers Summit at the Fog Hotel, Munnar (2nd April, 2025) organized by PHA- Kerala chapter



Mindfulness Session by PHA Heritage Associate Support Partner, Mr. R. S. Ganesh



Master of Ceremony 1 - Ms. Bharti Kalappa, Head Facilities, Noida International Airport



Lamp Lighting Ceremony (L-R: Ms. Bharti Kalappa, Head Facilities, Noida; Mr. Kiran Rao Lingamnene, President-India, Peppermint Robotics; Ms. Indrani Sanyal, General Manager-Housekeeping, Medica Super Specialty Hospital, Calcutta; Ms. Jayashree Nagaraj, Founder-President & Chairperson-PHA; Guest Of Honour-Mr. Satish Kumar, VP-Hospitality, Ceres Hotels Pvt. Ltd; And Mr. Srinivas Ramesh Adiga, General Manager, The Oterra, Bengaluru; International Airport.)



Invocation Song by Team Oterra



Inaugural Dance by Ms. Bindu KC, Corporate Housekeeper at Abad Hotels and Resorts



On Behalf Of PHA Ms. Meenu Tognatta Paying Heartfelt Tribute To The Late Ms. Swarnalata Mankikar.



PHA Corporate Video Presentation by Ms. Elizabeth Ngoruh, Regional HoD Rooms Division & PR Head-South, IIHM, Bangalore, & PHA Executive Member PR & Media.



Guest of Honour-Mr. Satish Kumar, VP-Hospitality, Ceres Hotels Pvt. Ltd



Symposium (L-R: Moderator-Ms. Meenu Tognatta, President of Housekeeping Operations at Ernst & Young; Ms. Usha Ramalingam, Corporate Housekeeper, Ceebros Hotels Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Amit Khanna, VP-HR Bangalore International Airport Limited; Cmde Brian Thomas, Senior VP, Prestige Property Management & Services; and Dr. Indrajit Chaudhary, Dean-AIMS Institutes).



Master of Ceremony2-Ms. Bindu KC, Corporate Housekeeper at Abad Hotels and Resorts



Address by Mr. Kiran Rao Lingamneni, President-India, Peppermint Robotics



Research Paper Presentation on Topic 'Balancing Technology and AI Integration With Human Expertise-and Industry Perspective'



MOU signing with HPMF (L-R Ms. Ms. Bharti Kalappa; Mr. Mahesh Bali, Cluster Director Purchase, Clarks Exotica Convention Resorts and Spa, Bengaluru; Ms. Jayashree Nagaraj, Dr. Madhu Chandhok, Director & Founding Partner-PIP 2020; & Mr. Nitin Nagrale, Founder & General Secretary of HPMF)



Address by Mr. Vedant Matta, Director-Sales, Charnock Equipments Pvt. Ltd.



Expert Talk by Mr. Dinesh, Raenco Mills Private Limited



Ms. Jayashree Nagaraj, the Visionary Founder President and Chairperson of the Professional Housekeepers Association Receiving 'Decades of Dedication' Award



B2B Walkthrough



Decade of Dedication PHA Awards for 10+ Years of Services



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Ms. Indrani Sanyal, Chief Convenor-10th PHA Anniversary; Head – Housekeeping, Manipal Hospitals, EM Bypass, Kolkata; Coordinator, PHA East Chapter & Moderator for Round Table titled 'The Housekeeper's Think Tank: Innovate, Elevate, Sustainability'.



Round Table- 'The Housekeepers Think Tank': Innovatte, Elevate, and Sustain



Address by Mr. R. Dhanraj, Sr. Manager-Sales, IIFB



Winner of Professional Housekeepers Association (PHA) Olympics Awards Mr. Ranajit Bahera, AGM-Services, BIAL



Address by Mr. Bharat Aggarwal, Business Director at Diversey



Cultural Extravaganza (L-R: Ms. Shruthi and Ms. Sofiya, Team Sindoori Apollo Hospital, Chennai).



PHA Anthem by Mr. Ganesh



Vote Of Thanks By Ms. Babita Butola, VP-Operations PHA-Karnataka Chapter



Delegates Attending The Event



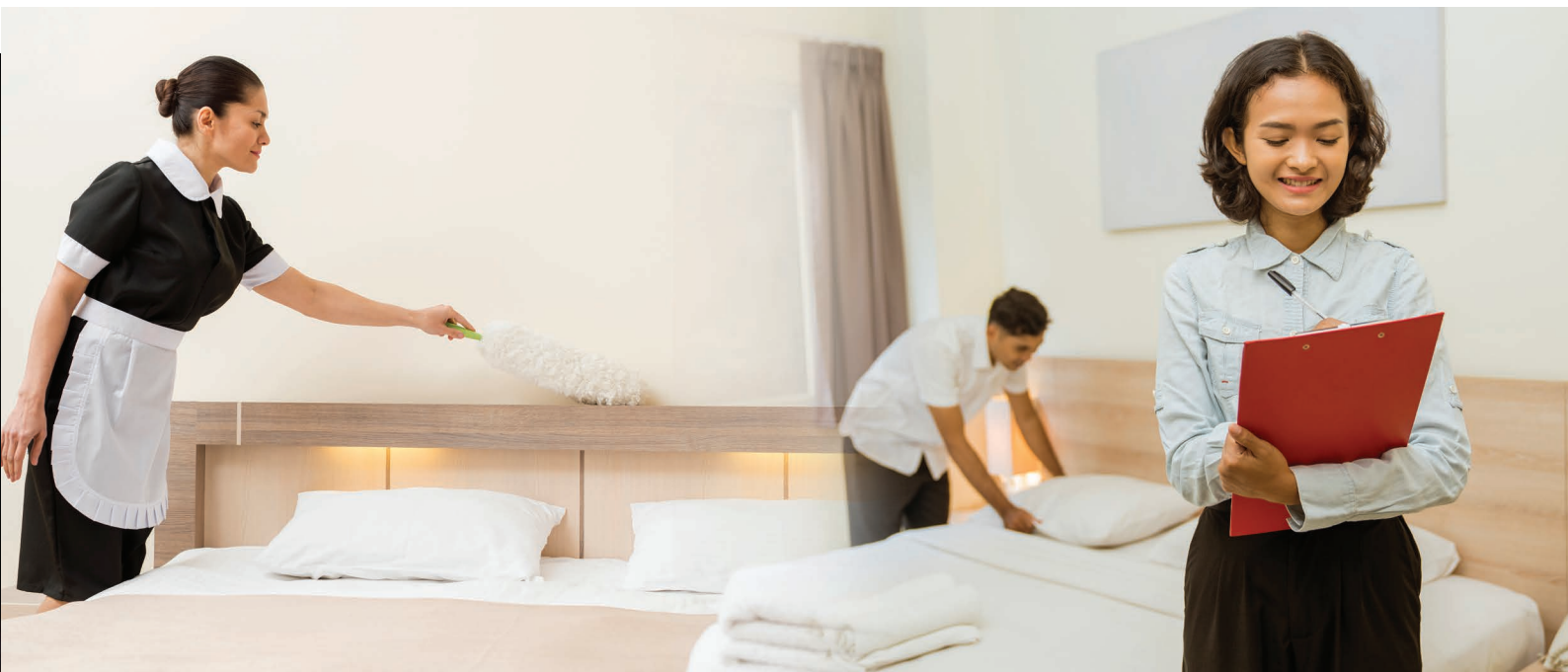
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