WEBINAR ON

SUSTAINABLE APPROACHES IN REVIVING TOURISM: LESSONS AND STRATEGIES'

ORGANISED BY DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT, LADY KEANE COLLEGE, SHILLONG

ON AUGUST 12, 2021 VIA CISCO WEBEX ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM.

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1. A REPORT

Programme: Webinar

Theme: Sustainable Approaches in Reviving Tourism: Lessons and Strategies

Date: August 12, 2021

Total Participants: 48

The Department of Tourism and Travel Management, Lady Keane College has taken a step in elevating students' awareness on the importance of rebuilding tourism with innovative measures and strategies by organising a webinar on "Sustainable Approaches in Reviving Tourism: Lessons and Strategies" on 12th August 2021 where the main objectives of the programme are:

- 1. Motivating students who are currently pursuing courses in tourism and hotel management.
- 2. Sensitizing students on the sustainable practices in reviving tourism.
- 3. Enlightening the students on dynamics of tourism industry; during COVID and post COVID period.

As the entire globe is greatly affected by the COVID 19 pandemic, travel goes down, hotels closed and travel restrictions put in place in all countries around the world and travel industry collapsed. The sector experiences hardest hit by the pandemic and the unprecedented crisis remain uncertain. The pandemic is seen to have impacted the industry in general. However, on the optimistic front, the crisis is an eye-opening for creating a roadmap of a more sustainable, resilient and resource efficient tourism management. Many companies and organizations have shifted towards diversified business operations, advance innovation and digital transformation and foster sustainability and green growth in tourism through coordination and partnerships to restart and transform tourism during the COVID and post COVID period.

The pandemic has impacted not only the tourists' behaviour and mental well-being but students currently pursuing courses in tourism and hotel management too. Students are in a dilemma and doubt on the uncertainty of their future career and challenges faced by the industry. Encouraging news on different innovative measures adopted by different destinations in restoring traveller confidence, methods in promoting domestic tourism, multi skilling, green growth management, digitalisation and promoting the structural transformation within the industry and the overall dynamics of the industry in operations and career will boost students' interest and confidence in the field. Therefore, sensitizing students on the innovative measures and strategies in rebuilding tourism in the country during and post COVID 19 is crucial.

Thus, considering all these points, the programme was conducted to impart awareness on the current challenges faced by the industry, the innovative measures and strategies adopted by different companies and organisations in various fields of tourism operations that promote growth and revival in the sector where two resource persons gave very insightful and interactive sessions where students were able to participate too. Dr. Paramita Suklabaidya, Director School

of Tourism and Hospitality Management Studies, IGNOU presented an overall scenario of both the industry and academic

Ms. Fatimabi Kadar, Manager Operations-Products Go2UK & Europe Travels LTD, gave an insight on the industry outlook, highlighting the various problems and issues faced by the industry in the country and also gave insights on various initiatives and project models adopted by companies and other nations in reviving tourism.

Through this small initiative, the participants of the webinar were able to grasp and learn about:

1. The various career prospects in the field of tourism and hospitality industry during the COVID and post-COVID era.

2. The various strategies that needs to be adopted for a safe and sustainable tourism.

3. Identifying and developing innovative concepts and approaches in the tourism industry fitting the current scenario.

2. PERMISSION LETTER

Dated: 9.07.21

To Principal-in- Charge Lady Keane College Shillong

Subject: Permission to conduct a webinar on "Sustainable Approaches in Reviving Tourism: Lessons and Strategies" on August 12, 2021 at 11 AM.

Dear Sir,

The Department of Tourism and Travel Management, Lady Keane College, Shillong is planning to organise a webinar on the topic: "Sustainable Approaches in Reviving Tourism: Lessons and Strategies" to motivate and guide the students during the COVID 19 pandemic and to enlighten them on job prospects post pandemic. (Proposal attached)

Two resource persons were proposed, one who is a representative from the industry and another resource person who is an academician. The department has contacted these resource persons and waiting for their confirmation

Budget for the programme.

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Total amount - Rupees Seven thousand only.

Therefore, I request you to kindly give permission to conduct the programme and also to sanction the required amount for conducting the programme.

For your kind consideration and support I will always remain grateful.

Thanking You

Post

Ms. Montimon Diengdoh Head of Department Tourism and Travel Management (BTTM) Lady Keane College.

4. CONCEPT NOTE

Webinar on

'Sustainable Approaches in Reviving Tourism: Lessons and Strategies'

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The Department of Tourism and Travel Management, Lady Keane College Shillong is taking a step in elevating students' awareness on the importance of rebuilding tourism with innovative measures and strategies by organising a webinar on "Sustainable Approaches in Reviving Tourism: Lessons and Strategies" aiming at

- Motivating students who are currently pursuing courses in tourism and hotel management.
- 2. Sensitizing students on the sustainable practices in reviving tourism.
- Enlightening the students on dynamics of tourism industry; during COVID and post COVID period.

Through this small initiative, the participants of the webinar will be able to grasp and learn about:

 The participants will learn and get to know about the various career prospects in the field of tourism and hospitality industry during the COVID and post-COVID era.

The participants will be aware of the various strategies that needs to be adopted for a safe and sustainable tourism.

3.The participants will be able to identify and develop innovative concepts and approaches in the tourism industry fitting the current scenario. Time: 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM Date: August 12, 2021 Platform: Cisco Webex Meeting number: 1704306944 Password: RsiHcuvixyk Resource Persons:

 Dr. Paramita Suklabaidya Associate Professor Research Council, IGNOU.

 Eatimabi Kadar Manager Operations- Products Go2UK & Europe Travels Ltd. Westminster, London

Profile of the Resource Persons:

1. Dr. <u>Paramita Suklabaidya</u> Associate Professor School of Tourism and Hospitality Service Management (SOTHSM) IGNOU

Dr. Paramita Suklabaidya is an alumnus of Delhi University and Lucknow University. She is NET-JRF qualified (2000) and has her PhD from Lucknow University. She was a member of the committee constituted by CBSE for reviving the existing course curriculum on Travel and Tourism as well as a Member of the committee constituted by AICTE on National Vocational Education Qualification. Framework (NVEQF) for various levels in the field of Tourism Sector.

She has presented papers in National and International Seminars and Conferences; and published 08 research papers in National and International Journals and co-authored chapters in three edited books as well as CBSE books on Tourism. She was the PhD Coordinator of the School, and at present she is coordinating CTS and DTS programme of the School.

Area of interest includes Crisis Management in Tourism, Tourism Marketing and SIT including Cruises and MICE – Event Management.

She was associated with IGNOU from 1999-2001 as an Academic Consultant involved with the development of the study material for the MTM programme. She has since then worked as a lecturer in Puducherry (2003-2004), Banaras Hindu University and IITTM, Gwalior prior to joining IGNOU, SOTHSM as a permanent faculty member.

2. Eatimabi Kadar: Manager Operations-Products Go2UK & Europe Travels Ltd 300 Vauxhall Bridge Road, Westminster, London SWIV AA

Eatimabi Kadar is currently working with Go2UK & Europe Travels as Manager Operations-Products. The Company specialised in destination management providing the bespoke private tour packages for the UK and Europe at the most competitive prices. They cater to FIT and small groups and give the best customisation based on client requirements.

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6. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

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Date: 09.09.2021

Principal In-charge Lady Keane College Shillong

Subject: Statement of expenditure of the webinar on 'Sustainable Approaches in Reviving Tourism: Lessons and Strategies' organised by the department on August 12, 2021.

Dear Sir,

The Department of Tourism and Travel Management is very grateful for your support, encouragement and permission to organise the webinar on 'Sustainable Approaches in Reviving Tourism: Lessons and Strategies' on August 12, 2021 and I would like to inform you that we have successfully conducted the programme where more than 30 students from our college and from ICFAI university attended. The webinar was beneficial for both students and teachers and feedback from participants were also taken where many applauded on having the most resourceful speakers and the host that carried out the insightful and informative sessions during the webinar.

The following is the statement of expenditure incurred on conducting the webinar on August 12, 2021.

	Particulars	Amount
1.	Honorarium for speakers (2000×2=4000)	4000.00
2.	Lunch (Bill no:-591)	2250.00
	Total	6250.00

Thank You

Ms. Montimon Diengdoh Head of Department Department of Tourism and Travel Management Lady Keane College, Shillong.

7. CERTIFICATE TEMPLATE



8. PHOTOGRAPHS

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