



SLITHM Parade 2018

The 'SLITHM Parade 2018,' organized by the Student and Welfare Association of the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (SLITHM) toured the streets of Colombo on Saturday 03rd March 2018 with much pomp and glamour.

The Parade, kicked off at 8.30 am, is an annual event. This year the Parade started after SLITHM Chairman Sunil Dissanayake, the Chief Guest, spoke about SLITHM in general and particularly on career opportunities in the hospitality industry after A/Ls.

The colourful parade with gaily dressed SLITHM students and alumni, and lavishly decorated vehicles, paraded the streets of Kollupitiya and Bambalapitiya amidst 'Papare' music, giving the tourists lining its route a "Taste of Paradise."



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Sustainable Tourism: Training, Awareness and Networking Programme

SLITHM launched, Sustainable Tourism: Training, Awareness and Networking Programme with the partnership of International Finance Corporation (IFC) - World Bank on 14 March 2018 at SLITHM premises. The programme already started in Ampara, Batticaloa and Mannar Districts focusing Youth, School Children, University Students and VTA students, University Lecturers and HODs, Government Officials, Teachers, Business Communities etc.

Basically this effort is to make awareness on tourism, its' opportunities and bring them to a sustainable tourism platform in the future. This would be another step taken to strengthen the human resource in tourism sectors in Provincial levels. We have planned to address 5,050 people in all three Districts.



Editor's Note

It is a pleasure for us to address you again with editorial message providing better facilities and possibility to beyond the achievements of the by introducing all four discipliners in hotel management .

The aim of this newsletter is to provide you with a review of the performances of the activities of students and SLITHM staff.

It is encouraging to see that this newsletter has gone from strength to strength each month during their study and extra activities.

We were able to evaluate their enthusiasm, determination and dedication towards the task, projects, carried out by them.

This news letter is an innovation dictated by necessity. This is also depicting variedly the activities, progress and the dedicated work of the both side of students and staff of the SLITHM.

These activities with staff and students have become an eye opener for some people and institutes in the Island.

We wish to congratulate the Chairman, Director General, Academic staff supporting staff as well as other staff and all the editors, with the "Travel Voice" crew, who have contributed to this newsletter "SLITHM TALK" a success.

We wish all the staff and students a prosperous future.

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Inauguration Ceremony for SLITHM Students 2018

An Inauguration Ceremony for Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management (SLITHM) students commencing the Certificate Level and Intermediate Level under the Diploma in Hotel & Catering Operations was held on 10th January 2017 at the auditorium of SLITHM.

An Informative keynote speech was made by Ms. Amal Goonetilleke,

Regional Director – Sales, Sri Lanka & Maldives, Taj Hotels Resorts and Palaces. Mr. Sunil Dissanayake, Chairman of SLITHM and Mr Malinda Ranwala, General Manager – Citrus Hotel, Waskaduwa also addressed the students with informative speeches.

Similar ceremonies were also held at a number of provincial colleges of SLITHM.



SLITHM takes hospitality training to Jaffna



The Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management which opened a training facility in Jaffna recently completed its third Hospitality Apprenticeship Training Programme by awarding certificates to 100 students who had successfully completed the programme.

The certificate awarding ceremony took place on 2nd March 2017 at the University of Jaffna with the participation of Chief Minister of the Northern Province, C.V. Wigneswaran, who was my contemporary at the Sri Lanka Law College. Others present included Chairman, SLITHM, Sunil Dissanayake, Chief Priest of the Naga Vihara, Bishop of Jaffna, Acting Vice Chancellor of the University of Jaffna, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Management of the University of Jaffna and President, Northern Province Hoteliers Association, S Kaleiselvan.



SLITHM Cricket Carnival 2018

SLITHM Cricket Carnival organized by the Student and Welfare Association of Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management (SLITHM) was held on 05 March 2018 at S. De. S. Jayasinghe Grounds, Dehiwala.



Workshop for Adventure Tourism Training Opportunities

Workshop for Adventure Tourism Training Opportunities organized by the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (SLITHM) was held on 22 February 2018 at the SLITHM Auditorium.



Awareness Program for School Children



An awareness programme on Tourism and Hospitality Management, for students awaiting Ordinary Level results was recently initiated at the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (SLITHM).

A number of students representing Methodist College – Colombo 03 attended this programme which will be conducted for 16 days.

SLITHM is the pioneer education provider in the Hospitality and Tourism sector. The institute will aim to conduct similar programmes in future to raise awareness among school children on the Hospitality and Tourism sectors and related career opportunities.

SLITHM takes Hospitality training to Kuliyaipitiya



The SLITHM Hospitality Training Center – Kuliyaipitiya will be commencing operations at No 122, Lionel Jayathilake Mawatha, Kuliyaipitiya.

The 1 month Apprenticeship Programme offered at the new center aims to build basic skills of youth seeking employment under different fields of Hospitality and Tourism sectors.

English, German, Japanese, Korean, French and Chinese languages will be offered under 3 month Language Courses which will undoubtedly benefit those seeking foreign employment.

SLITHM is the pioneer education provider in the Hospitality and Tourism sector. The establishment of this training center will further strengthen its ability in catering the ever demanding man power requirement of the Hospitality and Tourism sector.

'Visithuru 2018' Musical Performance of the Staff of Sri Lanka Tourism

Visithuru 2018, Musical Performance of the staff of Sri Lanka Tourism, was staged at Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management Auditorium on 24th January 2018. The talents of the staff; Singing, Dancing and Drama were showcased at this show for the 05th time of its' history. "Visithiru" was started in 2007 as a collective effort of the Sri Lanka Tourism family. Hon. John Amarathunga, Minister of Tourism and Christian Religious Affairs participated as the Chief Guest of the event.



SLITHM focuses on soft skills development



Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (SLITHM) has embarked on a programme to develop the soft skills of its students. This is in response to a request made by Tourism Development Minister John Amaraturanga who during field visits had realized the need for such a programme after having observed that though the majority of industry personnel were highly skilled in technical aspects and also very knowledgeable, many of them fell short on 'people skills'.

As at present SLITHM has an annual output of around 6,000 students engaged in various courses ranging from short term apprentice training to the four year Management Diploma. SLITHM Chairman Sunil Dissanayake who took upon himself the task of addressing this issue, inaugurated the first such training programme by delivering a lecture on the theme 'Soft skills for personal effectiveness' for students of SLITHM at its auditorium in Colombo recently. A highly sought after personnel trainer in the corporate sector, Dissanayake said he had delivered many speeches on the subject but this was the first time he was doing so at SLITHM.

Dissanayake during his two hour lecture drew personal examples from his 44-year long hospitality career where he started as a trainee and quickly rose up the ladder to hold the highest positions in the industry. Currently in addition to serving as Chairman, SLITHM Dissanayake also serves as Director/ Chief Executive Officer of the BMICH in Colombo which is Sri Lanka's largest and busiest MICE venue.

Sri Lanka Tourism commemorates International Women's Day



Sri Lanka Tourism organized a panel discussion on 'Women in Tourism' at the SLITHM Auditorium commemorating International Women's Day for the very first time. Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs John Amaraturanga delivered the welcome address while the Mayor elect of Colombo, Rosy Senanayake delivered the keynote address. Buddhika Hewawasam, Director General, Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Rookamanie Fernando, General Manager, Jetwing Colombo 7, Kasun Abeynayaka, Academic and Consultant, William Angliss Institute and Carmen Niethammer, Programme Manager, IFC Women in Work Programme were the main panelists. The discussion was moderated by, Lakshman Kadrigamar Institute, Research Associate, Anishka de Zylva and the vote of thanks was delivered by SLTPB, Director Marketing, Madhubani Perera.

Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs, John Amaraturanga said, "I'm pleased to be here this evening at the very first Women's Day Celebration organized by the Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs. I must thank all the organizers for taking this initiative which has been long overdue."

Jaffna students take part in familiarization visit to Colombo

The first batch of Jaffna students who completed their apprentice programme conducted by the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (SLITHM) were in Colombo, last week, for a familiarization visit. During the three-day visit, they had a meeting with Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs Minister John Amaraturanga and exchanged their ideas with the Minister. As part of this programme, they visited major hotels in Colombo to gather experience and also took part in entertainment activities.

This comes against the backdrop of the SLITHM's grand plan for the district of Jaffna, which includes the setting up of a new hotel school in the area, in August. The apprentice programme, launched in December, last year, is a precursor to the new hotel school which will further strengthen the booming hospitality industry in the peninsula.



Bana Ceremony - Koggala

Bana ceremony of Student's Welfare Association 025 Batch, SLITHM - Koggala which was successfully held on 30th January 2018 with the participation of all the students and lecturers of the SLITHM – Koggala.



Shramadana Campaign- Koggala

The bi annual shramadana campaign which was organized by the Sports and Welfare association of 025 batch was successfully held on the 2nd of February 2018 at the school premises.



Shramadhana Campaign, Bandarawela

100 of new intake 2018 students and the whole team of academic and non-academic staff of SLITHM Bandarawela got together on 23rd of January 2018 to carry out an electrifying "Shramadana Campaign" to bring the colourful and glamorous atmosphere to the Bandarawela Hotel School.



Cricket Tournament - Anuradhapura

The student and welfare association of Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management (SLITHM) – Anuradhapura organized an inter school cricket tournament on 06 March 2018.



Badminton Tournament - Koggala

The bi annual badminton tournament which was organized by the Sports and Welfare Association of 025 batch was successfully held on the 29th and 30th of January 2018 at the school premises.



Awareness programme for Kahaduwa Central College

A Special Awareness programme was organized for the school children in Kahaduwa Central College on 13 March 2018.



'Go Green Concept' at Bandarwela

Bandarwela SLITHM is in a salubrious environment with two acres of green Tourism conducive environment which is very suitable for Travel and Tourism Education in planning to implement a fully pledge environment friendly practices in the Bandarwela Hotel School premises. Some of the Sustainable practices are being carried out already and some are in our line up as future projects.



Shramadhana Campaign - Anuradhapura

A Shramadana campaign organized by the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management - Anuradhapura was successfully concluded on 02 March 2018 at 'Sanda Hiru Seya', Anuradhapura.



Carom Tournament - Kandy

Inter-class Carom tournament finals took place at the school's open air theatre where the boy's single, boy's double and girl's double and girl's single events were successfully organized by the sports and welfare committee.



Carom Tournament - Kurunegala

Inter school Carom tournament organized by the sports and welfare committee of Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management, Kurunegala was held on 08 February 2018.



Awrudu Udanaya - Kurunegala

Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management (SLITHM), Kurunegala Awrudu Udanaya 2018 was held on 09th April 2018 at SLITHM Premises.



Carom Tournament - Rathnapura



A Carom Tournament Organized by the Student and Welfare Association of Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management (SLITHM), Rathnapura was held on 08 February 2018.

Fire Awareness Programme - Kandy

A special fire awareness programme organized by the Sports and Welfare Committee of Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management, Kandy with the support of Kandy Municipal Council Fire Brigade was successfully completed recently..



Cricket Encounter, SLITHM Kurunegala

Annual Cricket tournament organized by the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management, Kurunegala was held on 28 March 2018 at Welagedara International Stadium.



Inauguration Ceremony of SLITHM, Ratnapura

An Inauguration Ceremony for Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management (SLITHM) - Ratnapura students commencing the Certificate Level under the Diploma in Hotel & Catering Operations was held recently at the college auditorium of SLITHM - Ratnapura.



Awareness Programme for Seevali Central College, Rathnapura

Recently Rathnapura Seevali Central College visited Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management to participate the Table Etiquette Programme.

