



### **3. Add-on Courses/Certificate Courses:**

A skill development course on Hospitality and Tourism was conceptualized by the Career Counselling and Placement Cell of GDC Darlaghat to:

1. Ensure productive use of summer vacations
2. Encourage industry-academia collaboration
3. Lend exposure to students
4. Preferably to give paid internships along with a theoretical component

The course was brought to fruition during the summer vacation of 2024, and five students successfully completed the internship between June and August 2024.

This initiative is a fantastic example of forward-thinking education. It not only keeps students engaged and productive during their break but also strengthens their ties with the industry. The hands-on experience gained through internships, paired with theoretical learning, equip students with the skills and knowledge they need for their career. Such programs also enhance students' employability, providing them with valuable insights and hand-on practice that are highly sought after in the job market. It's a win-win situation for both students and the industry.

**REPORT**  
**SKILL DEVELOPMENT COURSE**  
**HOSPITALITY SECTOR**  
**2023-24**  
Duration of Course: Summer Vacations 2024  
An initiative of The Career Counselling and Placement Cell,  
GDC Darlaghat

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**Skill Development Course on Hospitality and Tourism (Pilot Mode - 2024)**

The **Career Counselling and Placement Cell** of the College collaborated with reputed hotels in the region to design a **certificate course in Hospitality and Tourism** for interested students. Given the growing opportunities in the hospitality sector, particularly in Himachal Pradesh, this short-term course was seen as a valuable opportunity for students to gain relevant skills. Regular degree or diploma programs in Hospitality often deter students, so the College decided to offer a more accessible, skill-based certificate course. These short-term programs also provide a productive way for students to spend their holidays.

**Course Conception**

The course was initially conceptualized in collaboration with the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, an independent body under the Eco-Group Society, an NGO based in Uttarakhand. Later, it became a **direct partnership between the Government Degree College (GDC) Darlaghat and local hotels.**

After careful planning of the course structure, fees, eligibility criteria, and assessment methods, the program was **launched in last week of May 2024.** On 5th June, the Career Counselling and Placement Cell organized a one-day **orientation session** to introduce students to the course, its structure, and its potential benefits. A **follow-up Counselling Session** was held on 8th June, featuring two guest speakers:

1. Mr. Palden Thendup, OSD of Tourism and Hospitality for the Government of Sikkim, who delivered an insightful online lecture on "Hospitality and Tourism in the Himalayas."
2. Mr. Karan Thakur, from the Food and Beverage Service Department at Baghal Hotel, Darlaghat, who provided a comprehensive overview of hotel operations and departmental functions.

**Student Participation**

**Six students enrolled** in the course following the orientation:

1. Aarti (BA, 2nd Year)
2. Vandana (BA, 1st Year)
3. Tamanna (BA, 1st Year)
4. Nikita (BA, 1st Year)

5. Sanjana (BA, 1st Year)
6. Tara (BA, 1st Year)

On 10th June 2024, five students (all except Tamanna) commenced their internships at two prominent hotels in Shimla:

1. Royal Orchid Regenta Palace, Shimla
2. Snow Valley View, Shimla

These hotels were selected as they provided accommodation, meals, and a monthly stipend of ₹2000 for the interns. Tamanna joined the Royal Orchid Regenta Palace on 15th June. Unfortunately, due to health issues, Sanjana, Nikita, and Vandana were unable to complete their training in Shimla and were later transferred to **Hotel Baghal (HPTDC), Darlaghat** in July. Tara had to drop out of the course due to personal reasons.

**Course Outcome**

By the end of the course, five students successfully completed their internships, with **two receiving paid internships.** The new academic session in July 2024 delayed the **completion of the theory component, which will now be conducted online during the winter vacation.**

Overall, the two-month training was a success, **helping students acquire practical skills such as workplace communication, people management, and life skills beyond hotel management.** The course offered a valuable use of the students' summer break, equipping them with industry-relevant knowledge.



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**Apprentice Training Certificate**

This is to certify that **Ms. Aarti** has done her Apprentice Training with our organization **Regenta Place Shimla (HP)** in F&B service of two months training from **10.06.2024 to 10.08.2024.**

During her tenure with us, we found her sincere and hardworking. Her work output is positively influenced by her strength in communication and task orientation. She has undertaken various tasks and has successfully completed them to the superior's benchmark.

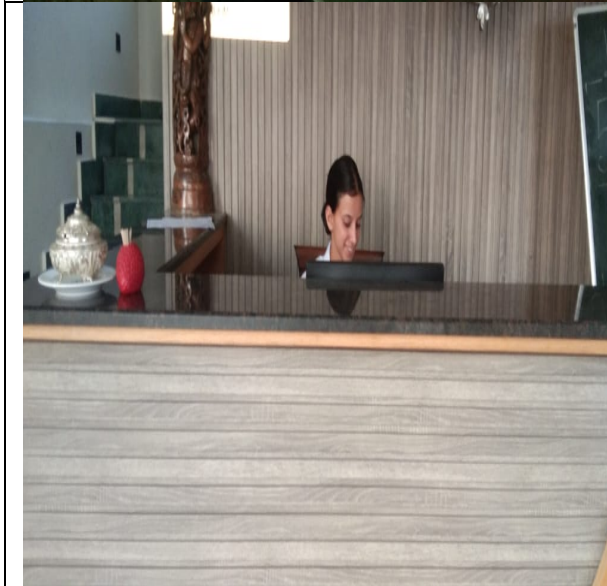
We wish her success and good luck for her brilliant future.

Yours Sincerely,  
For Regenta Place

  
Vipin Kumar

Human Resources Executive

Dated: 10.08.24



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