

Students Induction Program – 2025 organised by Institute of Vocational (Tourism) Studies, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla (H.P.)

The Institute of Vocational (Tourism) Studies, Himachal Pradesh University successfully organised a four-day induction program for its newly admitted students of Master of Tourism and Travel Management (MTTM), Five Year Integrated Course in Tourism and Travel Management (FYICTTM) and Bachelor of Hotel Management (BHM). Held from July 28th to July 31st, 2025, the program was meticulously designed to provide a seamless transition for the students into their academic life, familiarize them with the institute's culture, and inspire them about their chosen fields by connecting them with industry experts and senior academicians.

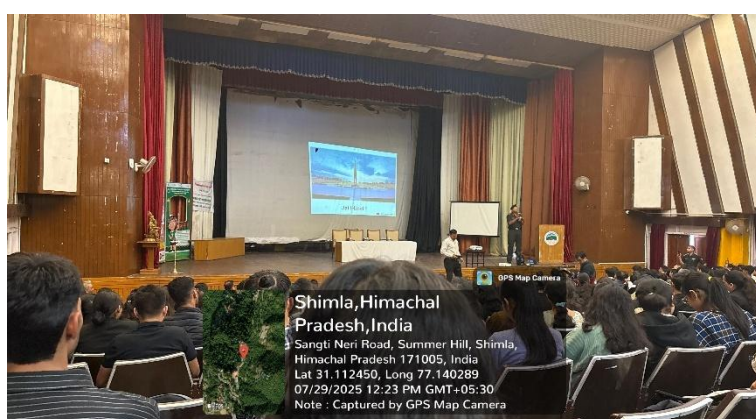
Day 1(28th July, 2025): Laying the Foundation, the inaugural day was dedicated to welcoming the new batch and creating a comfortable and interactive environment. The



session began with an official introductory address by the Director, IVS Prof. Sonia Khan who outlined the institute's vision, curriculum, and the vast potential of the tourism industry. This was followed by a formal introduction of the entire teaching and non-teaching faculty. The highlight of the day was the highly engaging Ice-breaking session which was

conducted with a series of energizer and fun activities under the expert guidance of faculty member Dr. Vineet Kamal (Assist. Prof. - Tourism). The activities were strategically planned to encourage students to open up and form new connections.

Day 2 (29th July, 2025): Himachal Pradesh University hosted an outreach program/talk on



Operation Sindoor at the HPU's Auditorium in collaboration with HQ ARTRAC on 29th July, 2025 (11:30 A.M.). Brig. Sanjay Kannothe, (VSM) was the distinguished speaker. The program was succeeded by another event focused on the Observance of Road Safety.

Director/Chairperson along with students and faculty member attended the program

at HPU auditorium.

Day 3 (30th July, 2025): A Fruitful Interaction with industry and academia experts. The third day was a cornerstone of the induction, focusing on bridging the gap between academia and the professional world. Students participated in a highly fruitful interactive session with seasoned professional from the tourism and hospitality industry Mr. Sanjay Sharma - founder of Mountain Mysteries currently running six different properties (leased and owned). He gave a very insightful knowledge about tourism and hospitality industry.



Other expert for the day was Mr. Srikant Sharma - Assistant Professor at RKMV, Shimla, who offered a valuable academic perspective, discussing the role of education and research in shaping the future of the tourism industry. This session was particularly motivational as it allowed students to have first-hand knowledge from experts who have achieved success in the field. The interactive format

encouraged them to ask questions and seek guidance on career paths and industry expectations. The day concluded with a dedicated session with the Research Scholars of IVS, who shared their research experiences and offered mentorship, inspiring the students to consider the opportunities for advanced studies and innovation within the institute.

Day 4 (31st July, 2025): The final day of the induction was tailored for students of FYICTTM and BHM. The morning was dedicated to course-specific interactions where students met with their respective program teachers and scholars. This session provided an in-depth understanding of the course curriculum, learning objectives and the academic support available to them. The induction concluded with a comprehensive University Tour led by the IVS research scholars. Students were guided through the sprawling campus, visiting key facilities such as the central library, computer labs, sports complex, and the administrative blocks. This tour not only helped students navigate the campus but also instilled a sense of pride and belonging to the larger Himachal Pradesh University community.