

## **Report of University Chef Competition 2020 organized by Shyam Lal College**

Shyam Lal College's flagship event and one of its kind in the entire DU, **University Chef 2020 (Edition 5)** sponsored by ISS Catering Services Pvt. Ltd. & Gustora Foods was successfully organized from March 04 to March 06, 2020. This edition outdid the previous ones as it witnessed a massive upgrade since the contestants had to use induction cooktops instead of generic LPG gas burners. The participants accepted the outlandish challenge with great enthusiasm and performed beyond their limits. **Celebrity Chef Nita Mehta** was the Chief Guest and Chef Mukesh Kumar from Hotel Samrat & Chef Veeta Singh, DGM, The Ashok Hotel; and MasterChef India fame Jatin Khurana were on the jury list. They received a warm welcome from the Principal, Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar and the Convener, Mr. Abbas Tapadar and Ms. Supriti Mishra.

On day one, an intra-college competition was held. The event was inaugurated with apron distribution by the principal. . The teams had to prepare two dishes from pasta and bread respectively. Two teams of Shyam Lal College were shortlisted for the Inter-college level.

On day two, teams from various institutions from Delhi/NCR arrived: Lakshmi Bai College, Bharti Vidyapeeth, Lady Irwin College, Lalit Suri Hospitality Institute, TEDCO and Vedataya Institute showcased their talent in culinary art. The teams received a brief orientation from the judges and with high motivation they prepared the cuisines. The teams had to prepare street foods, a dish from a secret mystery basket and perform experiments with nachos.

The jury minutely assessed the preparations and gave their valuable inputs.

On day three, the finale day, the participants had to prepare a full three-course meal of any Indian state's cuisine with relevant props. The high point of the day was a Master Class by Chef Mukesh Kumar wherein he demonstrated preparation of salads of three different types.

During the Concluding Ceremony, Celebrity Chef Nita Mehta, Chef Mukesh Kumar, Chef Veeta Singh and Chef Jatin Khurana expressed their appreciation of best efforts made by teams in preparing cuisines. Prof. Rabi Narayan Kar commended the efforts of the University Chef Committee, especially the convener, Mr. Abbas Tapadar and expressed the gratitude to all the sponsors and contributors. Prof. Kar also felt awed due to the conviction of the participants who came to participate despite the area being disturbed because of riots and showcased the best of their talent. Finally, the winners were announced: the team of **Namra and Insha from Lakshmibai College and Kalindi College** respectively was declared as the **Winners** while the team of **Sonia and Bhawana from Bharati Vidhyapeeth** was the **Runner up** and the team of **Sakshi Singhal and Ayesha Parveen from Lady Irwin College** was the **second Runner up**.

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