

J.J. College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Pudukkottai

Department of Hotel Management

Special Lecture on “Life and Work of a Chief Cook on Merchant Navy Vessels” Conducted

The Department of Hotel Management, J.J. College of Arts and Science (Autonomous), Pudukkottai, under the banner of the **Dukes and Duchess Club**, organized a Special Lecture on “**Life and Work of a Chief Cook on Merchant Navy Vessels**” on **05 August 2026** at **9.00 a.m.** in the **Training Restaurant**.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome to the resource person, **Mr. Navin.K, Chief Cook, Chevron Shipping Company, Merchant Navy, USA**. The event was organized with the objective of providing Hotel Management students with practical exposure to the unique career opportunities available in the Merchant Navy hospitality sector.

During his address, Mr. Navin K shared his inspiring professional journey from the hospitality industry to becoming a Chief Cook on Merchant Navy vessels. He explained the nature of work aboard international ships, the responsibilities of a Chief Cook, menu planning for multinational crews, food safety and hygiene standards, inventory management, provisioning at international ports, and the importance of discipline, teamwork, adaptability, and time management while working at sea.

The resource person also highlighted the employment opportunities available in the Merchant Navy for Hotel Management graduates, the qualifications required, salary structure, career progression, and the challenges and rewards of working on international vessels. He encouraged students to develop strong technical skills, communication abilities, and professional ethics to excel in the global hospitality industry.

The interactive session that followed enabled students to clarify their doubts regarding recruitment procedures, onboard life, work schedules, career growth, and international exposure. The lecture provided valuable insights into an alternative and promising career path for aspiring hospitality professionals.

The programme was convened by **Dr. S. Karthikeyan, Head, Department of Hotel Management**, whose continuous efforts made the event a grand success. **A total of 62 students actively participated** in the special lecture with great enthusiasm. The faculty members **Mr. M. Karthikeyan** and **Mr. K. G. Rajan** also actively participated in the programme and motivated the students to explore global career opportunities in the hospitality industry.

The students appreciated the valuable contribution of the resource person and expressed their gratitude for sharing his professional experience and practical knowledge. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.