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HRAWI institutes special task force for addressing shortage of talents

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DESPITE the hospitality industry's gradual recovery from the impact of the pandemic, the sector continues to face challenges in managing its human resources. The post-pandemic time has brought to light the vulnerabilities of the hospitality industry and has led students and professionals to consider alternative career paths.

Student enrolments in hospitality courses declined considerably between 2019 and 2022. To address this, the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Western India (HRAWI), has created a special task force of academic think tanks to try and bridge the shortfall in talent, manpower and declining enrolment of students in hospitality courses.

The task force comprises of

hospitality stalwarts including heads of educational institutes of various IHMs, owners of hospitality establishments, industry veterans and members of the HRAWI. Arun Kumar Singh, principal, FIHM; Irfan Mirza, principal, V M Salgaonkar IHM; Pallavi Chaudhari, director, D.Y. Patil School of Hospitality & Tourism Studies; Dr Rohan Soni, principal, Amro College of Hotel Management, Nashik; Dr Jagat K. Mangaraj, principal, IHM Ahmedabad; Pradeep Shetty, president, HRAWI; Jimmy Shaw, secretary, HRAWI; Vishal Kapoor, GM, Radisson Blu Mumbai; Kamlesh Barot, ex-officio member, HRAWI and Sandeep Talaulicar, executive committee member, HRAWI presently form the core team of the special task force.