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THE hospitality industry is one of the fastest-growing sectors in India and is expected to grow at 8.1 per cent CAGR to reach 12,796.9 thousand crore in 2022. Some of the major factors which are contributing to the growth of the hospitality sector are the consistently growing middle class, increasing disposable income, and various government initiatives and programmes such as e-visa, Visa on arrival, Aatma Devo Shava, Incredible India, which attract more Indian as well as international tourists.

According to a recent report published by the Ministry of Tourism, there are more than 1,20,000 hotel rooms in India, both in the organised and unorganised sectors. And by 2026, there will be an additional 1,00,000 rooms. It's no surprise that

skills are flocking to take advantage of the opportunities that exist within the industry.

Embarking on a career in hospitality can be hugely rewarding as it presents vast opportunities for growth. A positive attitude, humility, hard work and compassion are some of the essential

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attributes. However, candidates opting for this sector have to go through a rigorous training programme to be industry-ready and tackle the evolving needs of guests. But what is most important to understand about a career

Right at your service

In hospitality is that it is not a regular nine-to-five job with Sunday or one's weekly day off. Working in this industry sometimes entails long and variable working hours, which includes working on festive days, but for the right candidate with a passion to provide efficient customer service, this is never a deterrent.

Students can choose their area according to their interest such as hotel and restaurant management, airline catering, hotel and tourism associations, or set up their own venture.

Many hospitality management colleges in India offer diploma and degree courses. These courses help students acquire the ade-

quate knowledge and skills to successfully start their careers in the industry. Leadership programmes, management programmes run by hotel chains also help.

A career in the hospitality sector is often considered as one of the most exciting career options.

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