

Competition of Housekeeping Excellence



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**PROFESSIONAL
HOUSEKEEPERS
CHALLENGE**

May 15 -16, 2026
Gokulam Convention Centre
Cochin



- ▲ Mop Race
- ▲ Bed Making
- ▲ Towel Art
- ▲ Vacuum Race
- ▲ Honeymoon Bed Arrangement
- ▲ Flower Display-Waste Materials

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“Housekeepers Challenge 2026” is being organised in conjunction with the 16 th edition of HotelTech Kerala 2026 at Cochin. This event is supported and endorsed by Kerala Professional Housekeepers Association (KPHA).

It will be held from May 15 th & 16 th at Gokulam Convention Centre, Cochin and will showcase some of the finest housekeeping creations by individuals and teams from the leading Hotels & Resorts in Kerala. The prime objective of the event is to establish a professional platform where housekeeping professionals across Kerala can display the individual and collective skills, creativity, learn and share experience, partner and network in a purely competitive and business like environment.

The application form is attached herewith and Senior Housekeeping Professionals from the Industry will be the judges for this competition.

Don't Miss out on this great Housekeeping Challenge!!!

Register your Hotel today. There will be 6 Events that will each earn 1st, 2nd and 3rd place:

- Mop Race
- Bed Making Competition
- Towel Art Competition
- Vacuum Cleaning Competition
- Honeymoon Bed Arrangements
- Flower Display-Waste Materials

Class 1: Mop Race

Required Equipment:

- Dry floor mop with handle
- 7 Wet Floor Signs
- Tape
- Whistle 50-Second Time Limit (per Contestant)



Objective: Contestant is to push a dry wet floor mop through an obstacle course. The contestant that finishes with the quickest time, including penalties, will win.

1. The course consists of 7 wet floor signs set in a straight line with 18” between signs. The mop MUST LAY FLAT on the floor during the entire race - it cannot come off of the floor. The contestant will stand behind a line that is 32” from the 1 st Wet Floor Sign in front of them.
2. When signal to start game is given, the participant will start the race with the mop/handle in their hand. The participate will push

the dry floor mop from the start line to the left of the first sign, to the right side of the 2 nd design, the left side of the 3 rd sign, the right side of the 4 th sign and the left side of the 5 th sign, the right side of the 6 th sign and the left side of the 7 th sign, turn around and go back down the course to the finish line.

3. Contestant MUST follow mop around the wet floor sign-contestant will be disqualified if the ARM or BODY of the contestant goes over the top of the sign.
4. Once the contestant returns back to the start line, they must step OVER the start line and raise the MOP in the air to indicate that they have finished the course. Once the contestant has raised the mop in the air, the time keeper will STOP the time on the stop watch. This time will be used as the basis for scoring. Penalty seconds will be added for infractions.
5. Contestants must complete the course by the time the whistle is blown. Contestants NOT completing the course in the allotted time will NOT receive any points.
6. All Rules and Regulations will be reviewed with the participants before event begins.

NOTES:

- A 5-second Penalty will be added each time the mop head comes off of the floor during the race.
- A 5-second Penalty will be added each time mop or participant touches or knocks over a wet floor sign.

Class 2 : Bed Making Skills Competition



Based on speed, accuracy and skill, with points awarded for the time taken to make the bed, the competition focuses on tidiness, quality, presentation and the overall look of the bed. The competitor must have good manners, the knowledgeable and be able to work quickly and orderly while demonstrating efficiency.

Required Equipment:

- 1 Queen Size Bed
- 1 Mattress Covers
- 2 Queen Size Flat Sheets
- 2 Standard size pillow covers
- 2 Poly Standard size pillows
- 1 Chair or table to stack linen on
- 1 Stop Watch

2 Minute Limit (One Contestant)

Objective : Participant to make the best looking bed in the least amount of time.

Rules & Regulations:

- 1 Contestant will begin from behind the line at the head of bed. Linen will be placed 2 ½ feet from foot of bed stacked on a chair in proper sequence. When signal is given participant will begin.
- 2 The first sheet must be placed over the edge at both the head and foot of the bed, but not below the bottom edge of the mattress. The sheet must be tucked in all around the sides and head of the bed with hospital corners.
- 3 The second sheet must be placed at the edge of the head of the bed
- 4 The blanket must be placed approximately one hand length from the head of the bed. The top edge of the sheet and the top edge of the blanket must be straight
- 5 Fold the top of the second sheet over the blanket
- 6 Tuck in the second sheet and blanket, both sides and foot of bed with hospital corners. Insert pillow in pillowcase and tuck in open end. (The pillow may not be placed on the floor or held under the chin while inserting it in the case.)
- 7 Place the pillows centered at the head of the bed. The open end of the pillow case is to be placed toward the centre of the bed. The 2 open ends will meet in the centre of the bed.
- 8 When bed is completed, participant must step back to the starting position. (Once the participant has returned to the starting position, they may not touch the bed again.)
- 9 Whistle will blow at 2 minutes and each participant must stop and return to the starting position.
- 10 Before participant starts the event Head of bed will be pointed out as well as all Rules and Regulations will be reviewed.

Class 3 : Towel Art Competition



5 Minute Time Limit (Two Participants – One Helper, One Towel Artist)

Objective: Two participants will work together to earn their team the highest points in the Towel Art Competition. The Towel Artist will work on the other end of the table and try to create as many works of towel art as possible in five minutes.

Rules & Regulations:

- 1 All participants will stand behind the start line
- 2 When the start signal is given, each participant will go to their respective end of the table and begin working
- 3 The Towel Artist is free to create whatever work of art they so choose. Participants will be judged not only for the number of works they can create within five minutes, but the creativity exercised in each work of art.

- 4 Participants are permitted to bring decorative items to place on their finished work of art, provided these items are no bigger than the palm of your hand (or cover no more than 1/8 of the total size of the finished work of art).
- 5 A 30 second warning will be sounded & when your five minutes is up, all activity must stop immediately

Class 4 : Vacuum Cleaner Race



120 Seconds Time Limit – ONE CONTESTANT Required Equipment

- One Upright Vacuum
- One Plug Point
- 4'x6' Designated Area
- Stop Watch
- Cups of Paper Confetti
- Extension Cord
- Whistle

Objective:

To vacuum the 4'x6' area free of confetti and then return to the start line with the vacuum turned off and cord wrapped around cord hooks within 2 minutes.

- 1 Participants will stand at start line with vacuum 2 feet in front of them.
- 2 When the signal is given, each participant will go from start line to the vacuum, unwrap as much cord as needed and then plug in the vacuum and proceed to the designated area.
- 3 Participants will turn on the vacuum and attempt to vacuum up all of the confetti from the designated area.
- 4 When participants have finished vacuuming, they are to turn off the vacuum, go to the power source, unplug the vacuum, wrap the cord around both of the cord hooks and then return to the start line with the vacuum.
- 5 Once the participant is behind the start line with the vacuum, they may not touch the vacuum again.
- 6 Whistle will blow at 120 seconds and each participant must stop and return to the starting position



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AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Certificate of Participation

Individual competitors who have completed their class for which they have registered will each receive a certificate of participation.

Medals & Certificate of Award

The respective medals will be awarded to a competitor if they attain the following points.

Gold	100 points
Silver	75 points
Bronze	50 points

Challenge Trophies

Trophies will be presented to the Participant who accumulates the highest points in the class.

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Most Outstanding Housekeeper

To qualify for this award the participant must enter at least 3 classes. The highest aggregate score from the best 3 classes will be the winner

Most Housekeeping Establishment

To receive this award the establishment must enter a minimum of 3 Classes. A challenge trophy will be presented to the team which accumulates the highest total of points from the 3 highest scores from all the classes entered.

Judges

Judges will be established Housekeeping Professionals and Interior Designers within the state. The competition will be judged in an unbiased manner, to the best of each Judge's knowledge and with consideration for prevailing Housekeeping practices. The Judges decision is final. No Correspondence will be entertained.

BUSINESS GATHERING AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Please note that all participants should be present at the specified venue on the 16th May by 5.30 pm for the business gathering and awards function.

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