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**WHO**  
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## WORLD HAND HYGIENE DAY

In response to the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring 05 May as the **World Hand Hygiene Day**, over 180 countries, including India, celebrate the Day annually on May 05 - embedding hand hygiene promotional activities as a national priority.

The Hotel Association of India (HAI) also celebrated the **World Hand Hygiene Day** on May 05, 2014, in its member-hotels with the following vision:

*To create public awareness among the local communities; schools; orphanages; public institutions; guests, visitors and employees of hotels and the people who handle food, about the importance of washing hands with soap and water or a Hand Sanitizer as the simplest and most cost-effective way of promoting community well-being through prevention of respiratory illnesses, common cold, influenza and other infections.*

HAI suggested an array of activities which hotels could adopt, amend or modify, commensurate with their needs, for implementation of the Hand Hygiene Day programme on a voluntary basis:

- Create an environment in Hotel's public areas augmenting Hand Hygiene Day's significance - with Displays, Banners, Bill-boards, Stickers etc;
- Arrange demonstrations of hand-washing for school students of nearby schools in age group of 8-12 years and orphanages on how to properly wash hands, and when to wash hands;
- Hold Quiz contest, Poster-making, Slogan-writing, Drawing sketches, Skits, Poems etc. for the school children emphasizing importance of hand hygiene;
- Acquaint students and other visitors with hand hygiene systems in place in hotel premises, kitchens, work places, etc.;
- Hand-out attractive small-size hotel soap-packs to the children to take home, share their knowledge of hand-hygiene with their families and spread awareness about its benefits;
- Invite multinational companies like Lifebuoy, Dettol, Godrej, and other manufacturers and suppliers of soaps and hand sanitizers to donate T-shirts with the message **Wash with Soap, Live with Hope**;
- Encourage the Drivers of Tourist Taxis and Tourist Coaches used by hotel guests to follow the practice of washing hands; keep Hand Sanitisers in their vehicles and ensure vehicle interiors and door handles are kept clean and well sanitized;
- Screen WHO's instructional films on Hand Hygiene, and
- Welcome participation by Hotel Guests in the Hand Hygiene Day activities.

It was quite heartening to note that HAI member hotels enthusiastically celebrated the Day. We present here some of the activities undertaken by the hotels to appropriately mark the Day:

## THE OBEROI AMARVILAS

**World Hand Hygiene Day** was celebrated by The Oberoi Amarvilas on 5th May 2014. Aimed at emphasizing the significance of the event in the hotel premises and public areas, the Day started with demonstrations of hand washing for school students of Lopa Mudra Vidya Mandir Purva Madhyamik Vidhyalaya, Taj Ganj, Agra, on how to properly wash hands, and when to wash hands.

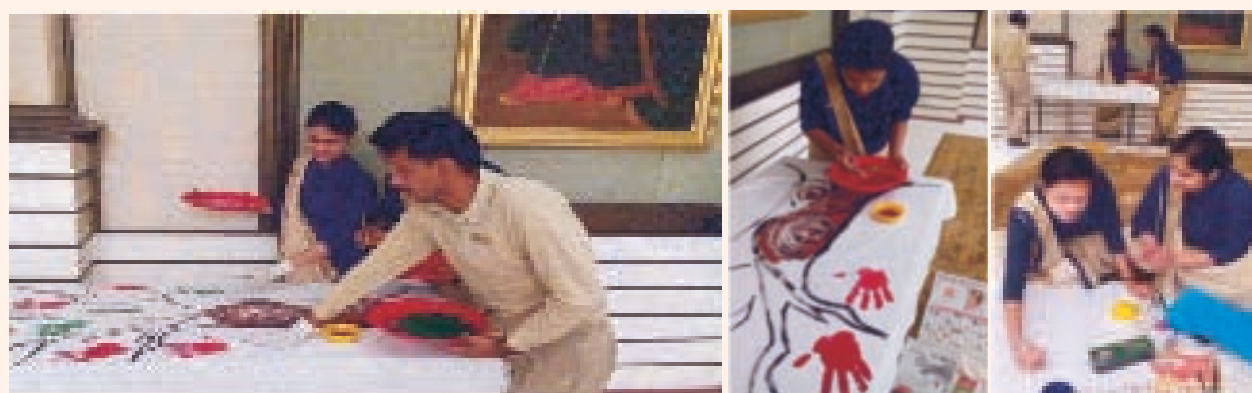
General Manager Mr Ankush Mahajan and his team gave away small-sized hotel soap packs to children to take home, share their knowledge of hand hygiene with their families and spread awareness about its benefits.





A Presentation on hand hygiene was made by the Kitchen team. A short video on how to correctly wash hands was screened for the entire hotel team followed by demonstration of hand washing. People need to vigorously wash their hands for about 15 to 20 seconds to kill any type of dangerous bacteria.

Later in the day The Oberoi Amarvilas team participated in Poster making Competition to spread awareness.



### THE OBEROI BENGALURU

The Oberoi Bengaluru team held a poster making competition to highlight the significance of the Day, besides arranging other activities on the occasion.



### THE ASHOK, NEW DELHI

The Ashok organized a poster making competition to highlight the significance of the Day. The posters were later displayed in the public areas of the hotel to create awareness.



An endeavour was made by our training division to encourage the taxi/coach drivers to follow the practice of washing hands, keeping sanitizers in their vehicles and ensure vehicle interiors and door handles are kept clean and well sanitized.

School kids were acquainted with hand hygiene systems in hotel premises including kitchen, work place etc. They were given attractive gift packs of soaps and sanitizers.



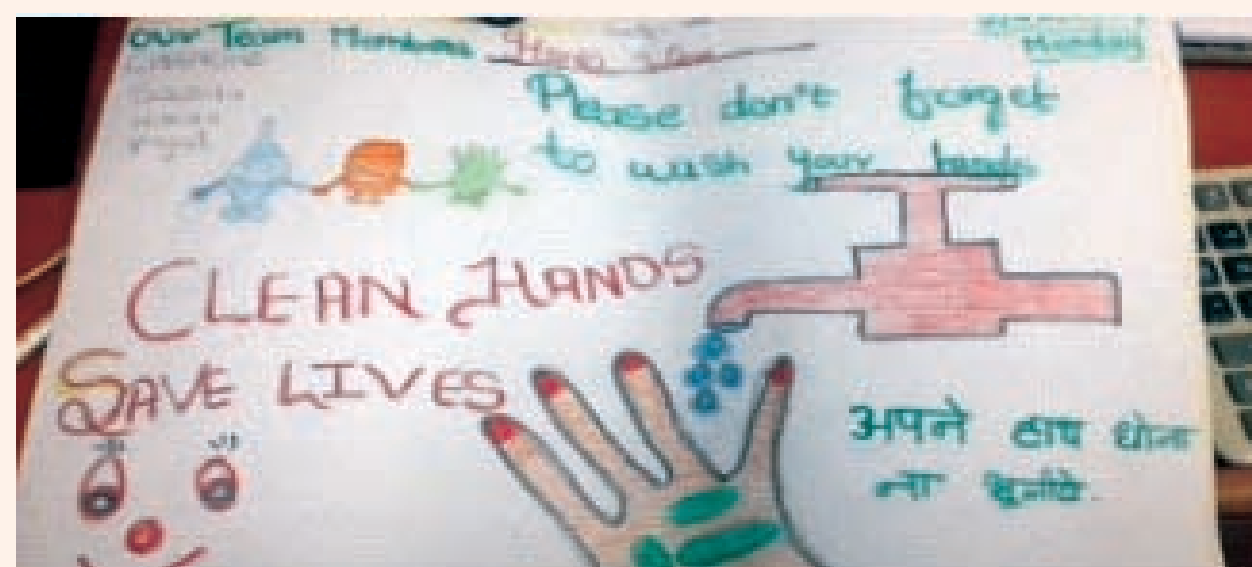




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The Hotel invited Ecolab trainers for arranging demonstrations of hand washing for children. The children later participated in poster-making competition.



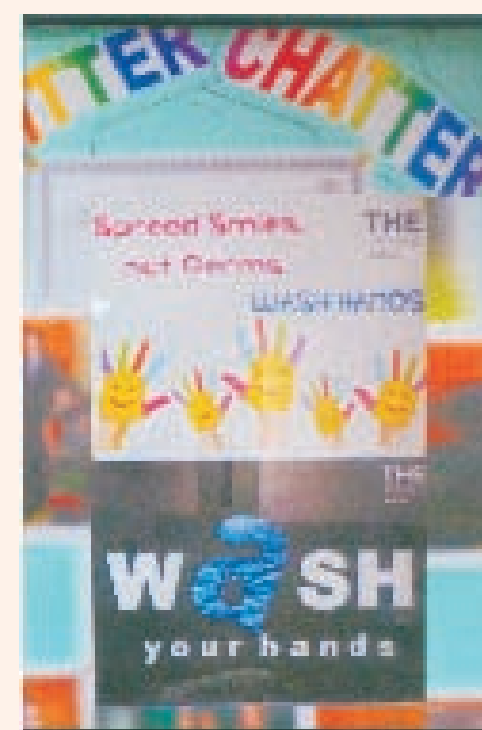
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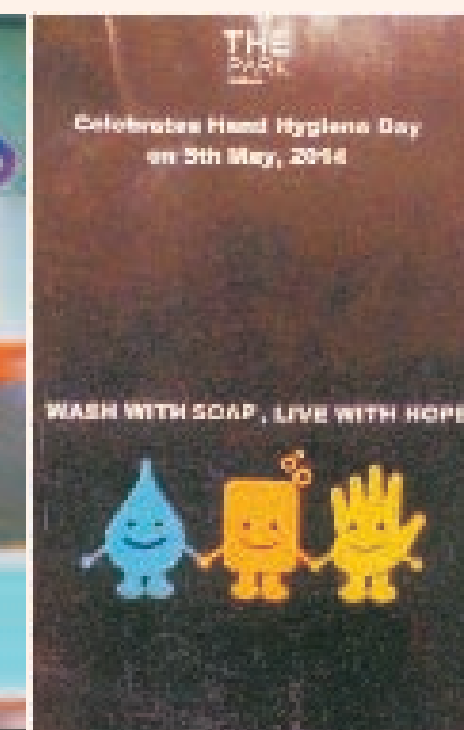
Creating awareness about hand hygiene

## THE PARK, KOLKATA

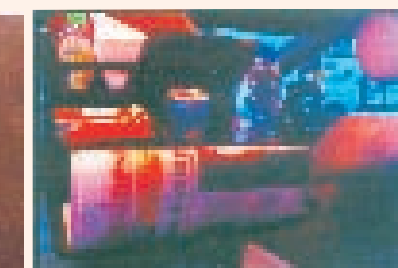
Posters displayed on Employees Notice Board



Posters displayed in the guest areas



Hand sanitizers in our in-house cars



Students from Apeejay School during demonstration





## ITC HOTELS CELEBRATE HAND HYGIENE DAY

To create awareness amongst the local communities, public and educational institutions, the first HAI Hand Hygiene Day was celebrated across ITC Hotels. School children experienced the relevance of hand hygiene through posters, live demonstrations and video presentations. They were familiarised with other sustainable initiatives also undertaken at the at ITC hotels.



Hand Hygiene Posters were displayed at the kitchen and at other locations.



Hand Hygiene Station was created giving live demonstration on Hand Wash and random swabs were taken to check the personal hygiene of the employees.



## ITC MUGHAL AGRA

The Hotel associates visited nearby educational institutions to create awareness about Hand Hygiene. They were familiarized with other sustainable initiatives also undertaken at the at ITC hotels.



Spreading Awareness in the hotel amongst the chauffeurs, chefs, housekeeping room attendants & stewards on Hand Hygiene.

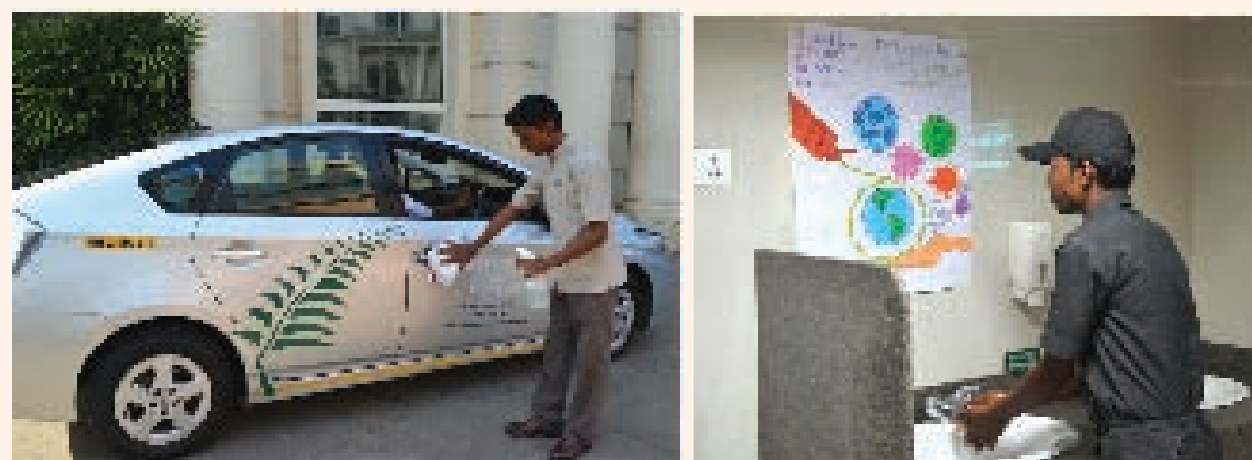




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Chauffeur services - Car handles, steering wheels etc. are regularly disinfected to prevent the spread of germs.

Employee Engagement & Awareness: Handmade Posters emphasising the need for good hand hygiene were displayed in the staff cafeteria.

"We are committed to providing a healthy, safe and germ- free environment to our guests as well as employees on World Hand Hygiene day and always!!!"



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## SURYAA, NEW DELHI



## HOTEL CLARKS SHIRAZ, AGRA

