

VMSIHE STUDENTS PAY TRIBUTE TO FREDDIE MERCURY WITH A BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY-THEMED DINNER

'Bohemian Rhapsody', a rock band from London, is one of the world's most popular Indian-origin bands. Freddie Mercury was the inspiration for a unique dining experience organised

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'Bohemian Rhapsody' was one of the two annual events organised by First Year students, the other being 'Flavours of India' a 8-course fine dining experience with modern twists on traditional Indian dishes influenced by Mughal, European and Chinese cuisines.

According to the organisers, Bohemian Rhapsody was a dining experience inspired



Students of VMSIHE part of the organising committee for the themed nights

by a famed concert by the legendary Freddie Mercury-led rock band, 'Queen'. The event had performances by a four-member student band, dressed up as members of 'Queen' which added to the concert's theme.

The menu, a four-course dinner, was also inspired by the legendary band. In keeping with the theme, a paani puri shot - homage to Freddie Mercury's Indian roots

- was served with fig sauce, concoction of Jaggery water, chillies & lemon, pomegranate and coriander.

'Flavours of India' showcased the influence of different regimes on Indian food and cuisines. A team of 30 students, with 15 students each in kitchen and service, presented an 8-course fine dining menu with an Indian theme.

Traditional dances from

Goa to Kerala were infused after each course of meal, to visually entertain guests. The menu included a lobster tea appetiser inspired by Pondicherry, a former French colony, chaat depicting India's vibrant street food inspired by Shah Jahan's rule in Delhi and main courses such as fish wrapped with deep-fried hakka noodles inspired by the burgeoning community of Chinese settlers in Kolkata in the 1960s and Goan *sannas* stuffed with prawn *balchao*, a Portuguese influence. The dessert was an assortment of Indian sweets.

"Overall, the 'Flavours of India' event and the 'Bohemian Rhapsody' concert were a grand success," said Prof. Irfan Mirza, Director and Principal, VMSIHE **Iro**