

# 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

at Salguocar, an Intel national university in Ju, Goa. The event was part of the annual Rata Rata event.

'Bohemian Rhapsody' was one of the two annual events organised by First Year students, the other being 'Flavours of India'. The 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**