4th SEMESTER

SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE (SEC)

TTM418S: TOURISM & TRAVEL MANAGEMENT (TOUR GUIDING AND ESCORTING)

CREDITS: THEORY: 2, PRACTICAL: 2

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The course is intended to aware students about the basics of tour guiding and escorts techniques and to prepare them for handling different situations.

COURSE CONTENTS:

THEORY (2 CREDITS)

Unit I

Tour Guiding: Meaning and Classification; Personal Hygiene, Grooming and Etiquette; Qualities of an Ideal Tour Guide; Various Roles of a Tour Guide and the Business of Guiding; Leadership and Social Skills; Code of Conduct

Unit II

Tour Escorting: Meaning: Meaning, Concepts in Tour Escorting; Rules of Tour Escorting, Difference between Tour Guide and Tour Escort; Skills and Responsibilities of Tour Escorts; Presentation and Speaking Skills

PRACTICAL (2 CREDITS)

Unit III

Cartographic Skills; Audio-Visual Skills; Guiding Skills required to guide at various places; Leisure Sites, Natural Sites, Heritage Sites, Religious Sites; Communication Skills; Commentary Skills

Unit IV

Skills to Handle Difficult Tourist; Skills to Handle Questions and Queries from Tourists; Skills to Handle Emergencies; Skills to Search for Missing Persons; Skills to Handle Health Issues; Skills to Handle Senior Citizens; Skills to Handle Children

SUGGESTED READING:

- 1. Chowdhary, Nimit, Handbook for Tour Guides. New Delhi: Matrix Publishers.
- 2. Mitchell, G.E., How to Start a Tour Guiding Business. Charleston: The GEM Group Ltd.
- 3. Pond, K.L., The Professional Guide. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold.