

Project Management



Centre of Development for North Eastern Region (CeDNER), IIM Shillong had successfully organized a training program on **Project Management** at the premises of IIM Shillong from 11th to 15th September, 2017. The program was designed to acquaint participants with tools and techniques to develop effective and efficient project planning, implementation and monitoring systems and preparation of project reports; to provide a forum for participants to discuss various issues and challenges associated with project management, and share their experiences for the implementation of projects; and to equip the participant with skills and know how of Project formulation and DPR writing.

Thirty four participants from various background attended the training program. **Director, RGIIM Shillong, Professor Amitabha De** delivered the closing remarks during the valedictory function, held on 15th September, 2017.

IIM Shillong concludes Hindi Pakhwada Celebration



On the occasion of **Hindi Divas, Hindi Pakhwada (Fortnight)** was celebrated at the Indian Institute of Management Shillong from 07th to 21st September 2017. At the inaugural programme the **Director IIM Shillong** highlighted the significance of Hindi as the national language, and its role in day to day life, besides acknowledging the growth in the language from the point of view of day to day implementation within the Institute. Various competitions such as comprehension, extempore speech, handwriting, reading, singing and antakshari to mark the commemoration was organized for the employees of the Institute. The competitions witnessed an overwhelming participation, which at the same time showcased the abundance of talent amongst its employees. The Closing ceremony was held on 21st September 2017 where participants were honoured with prizes by the Director and encouraged to further strengthen the knowledge of Hindi as a tool in day to day functioning.

Manthan 2017

Manthan 2017, the first finance and consulting conclave organized by Indian Institute of Management, Shillong concluded here on 17th September 2017. The two-day conclave witnessed some of the best financial minds in the country discuss a plethora of contemporary issues to explore the countless possibilities that lie within the ambit of the financial sector and chart out a course for the future of the world of Finance. The issues were discussed keeping in mind the vast untapped potential of north-east India.

Dr. Amitabha De, Director, IIM Shillong, along with **Prof. P Saravanan** and all the honorable guests inaugurated the event. **Ms. Lakshmi Iyer, CIO, Fixed Income & Head-Products, Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company**, initiated the discussion by talking about the NPA malaise in India. Talking about the importance of data for money managers, Ms. Iyer said, "If you torture data, it can confess to anything". A panel discussion moderated by esteemed faculty of IIM Shillong saw **Ms. Bekxy Kuriakose, Head Fixed Income, Principal PNB Asset Management Co Pvt Ltd**, along with **Lakshmi Iyer** discuss asset management, the wider problems plaguing the banking sector, trends defining the Mutual Fund Space, and the role of due diligence in cutting through the corporate dressing. Delivering the concluding talk on Day 1, **Mr. Vikas Sarda, Chief Financial Officer, Unitus Capital & Unitus Seed Fund**, said "Customer is the best investor" and advised the students to remember the most important mantra, "Investors do not like surprises".



Day 2 of the event began with **Mr. Sarat Chandra Dhal, Director, Economic Policy Research, Reserve Bank of India** speaking about the challenges of financial inclusion in the North East. Discussing the problems in the banking sector Mr. Dhal said, "People need to build a culture to pay back debts". **Mr. Pramod Kasat, Country Head, IndusInd Bank** and **Mr. Vikas Sarda** discussed acquisitions and alliances, impact of technology, valuation of start-ups by seed funders, all the while citing several examples from today's Indian and Global scenarios.

A panel discussion on how financial disruptions are changing the future of financial world was held by experts such as **Mr Malcolm Athaide, Sr. President & CRO, Yes Bank** and **Ms. Sangeeta Sumesh Executive Director & CFO, Dun & Bradstreet Technologies Pvt. Ltd**, **Mr. Avinash P, Director, Risk, IFMR Capital** and **Mr. Milind Chowdhari, CFO, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co. Ltd**. The discussion revolved around analytics, blockchain, Artificial Intelligence, Peer2Peer lending augmented reality and alternate data. The students of IIM Shillong presented their research papers on the topics discussed by experts as well and discussed their ideas and strategies with the guests. The insights, learnings and lessons from the esteemed industry stalwarts fuelled the students with vim and verve. The conclave served as a crucial platform to learn about the possibilities of the future and as a catalyst for new ideas to bring forward the best out of these possibilities.

MDP on Project Management



A customized **MDP on Project Management** was organized from 03rd-07th July 2017 for **Executives of CPSEs and SLPEs, Department of Public Enterprises sponsored by Ministry Of Heavy Industry, GOI**, in the campus of IIM Shillong. 35 participants from across the country attended the training programme.

The 5 days program was coordinated by **Prof. Shankar Purbey** and **Prof. Rohit Joshi** from IIM Shillong and facilitated by eight In-house Faculty/Resource person from various areas of expertise. During the program the participants are made familiar with many areas and subjects pertaining to Project Concepts, Project Scope Management, Framework, Management Process, Duration and Cost Control, Schedules, Resource Leveling, Communication in Project Management, Human Resource Management, Project Procurement Management, Project Risk Management, Financial decision making in Project Selection, Developing a Project Plan/ Report Submission and Analysis and even a session on an ongoing Project with live examples to integrate the learning process.

The methodology includes Case studies, Classroom Lectures and Management Games and are facilitated by the resource faculty bringing a lot of variation and new insights to the training program. Being amidst the hills of Shillong, the participants were also taken for half day outdoor trip, whereby in the quiet and beauty of nature, the participants can work cohesively and reflect on study exercises guided by resource faculty.

As part of the training program, participants are also taken through the importance of Summary and Reflection which encourages discussion and sharing of learning which was carried forward to the rest of the day. Feedback session is an important part of the MDP highlighting important points for improvement and enhancement of program. The programme concluded with the valedictory programme in the presence of **Prof. T. K. Giri, Chairman MDP & Consultancy** and senior faculty members of IIM Shillong.

MDP on Accounting Standards and Practical Aspects of GST



IIM Shillong organized a customized **MDP on Accounting Standards and Practical Aspects of GST** for Officers of Indian Air Force from the 12th to 16th June 2017 in the Campus. The registration and Inauguration was held at RGIIM, Shillong on 12th June 2017 with 19 participants from IAF. **Prof. Tapas. K. Giri (Chairman-MDP and Consultancy)** welcomed the participants and other dignitaries followed by address from **Air Vice Marshal Manendra Singh AVSM VrC VSM - Senior Officer-in-Charge Administration HQ Eastern Air Command IAF** who stressed on the importance of continuous learning and interaction between IIM Shillong and IAF. He also congratulated the Institute on organizing such training programs to enhanced the employability and general awareness of the officers. The inaugural address delivered by **Prof. Amitabha De, Director RGIIM Shillong**, highlighted the significance of the programme and praised the continuous efforts and service of the IAF to the Nation. The Coordinators of the five day training program are **Prof. Naliniparva Tripathi -Dean -Research, New Initiatives and External Relations** and **Prof. Sharad Nath Bhattacharya**.

The 5 days programme was facilitated by in house faculty and Experts from both academia and industry.