



### His Excellency, Shri A R Kohli Talks To IIM Shillong

IIM Shillong witnessed yet another chapter of guest talks when **His Excellency, Shri A.R. Kohli** interacted with participants of the institute on “Challenges of Management in 21<sup>st</sup> century” in his 2 day visit. The session was conducted in the auditorium of the institute which has witnessed many such events in its short lifetime. PGP Chairman inaugurated the session by briefing the audience on the milestones achieved by **Shri Kohli**, the former Governor of Mizoram in his life. Such was His Excellency's presence that every member in the audience were left mesmerised by his charisma alone. Starting by tracing the political and economic history of India, pre and post-independence, he emphasized that for India to grow better, it has become important to bank upon growing opportunities in housing sector, education industry, in rural as well as tier 2 and tier 3 cities. He said that if India were to progress at a faster pace, we needed more skilled technical people in our nation. Also, he expressed his concern on the disparate division of wealth in our nation. At the end of the session, he took up questions from students which proved beneficial to the audience. Mr Kohli being an IIM alumnus himself, incidentally a pass out of the first batch of IIM C, students struck a chord well with him throughout the session. Later in the evening, he joined the students at the mess over dinner.



The previous day saw more of the informal interactions with His Excellency where in a session with both the batches he shared his life experiences. His journey from the time of partition of India to becoming the Governor inspired everyone.

His down to earth approach and practical ways of dealing the problems brought new insights on those informal grounds where students were feeling associated with him and shot all sorts of questions. From the concepts of institutionalising a new institute to setting up the traditions and culture for the years to come, he highlighted the old forgotten path of education system in India. Mr Kohli also planted a sapling in the campus seeing the underlying theme of Sustainability of the institute. This was followed by inauguration of the workshop for the senior batch of students on “Power Within – Activity Based Learning” which was conducted by Sri Aurobindo Society.

IIM Shillong expects many more such great personalities to interact with the student fraternity of the institute in the near future.

### Two Day Faculty Workshop conducted by Sri Aurobindo Foundation for Integral Management .(SAFIM).

A two-day workshop on “Management by Consciousness” was conducted by SAFIM for faculty members of IIM Shillong during 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2011. It covered topics like Relevance of Consciousness in Today's Business: Concept of Integral Management, Understanding Integral Education and Understanding Consciousness and Self. The aim of the workshop was to help the faculty members to understand and develop their spiritual self and incorporate these understandings to deal better in their day-to day activities and professional life. The faculty members actively participated in the various games and activities, case discussions and exercises and gained new perspectives from this workshop.



### Director's Activities

2<sup>nd</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011

- ❖ MOU meeting with **Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd**, Delhi
- ❖ Meeting with **Shri Yashwant Deshmukh, UNI Television**
- ❖ **IIM Directors** meeting, Delhi
- ❖ Visit to **Times of India**, Guwahati

### 2 Day Programme on “Effective Judicial Administration”



The Centre for Development of North-Eastern Region (CEDNER) has conducted a Two-Day Programme on “Effective Judicial Administration” for the judges of the Guwahati High Court. There were 20 participants all coming from the different parts of the North Eastern States who have actively participated in the programme. The programme was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.

The first session of the programme was initiated by **Prof. A. K. Dutta**, Director RGIIM Shillong.

On the second day two sessions were taken by **Justice M. B. Lokur Chief Justice** Guwahati High Court.

A Certificate of participation was also given away to all the 20 participants.

### IIM Shillong Honoured At The Star News National B-School Awards Ceremony



Adding to the already existing feathers in its cap, IIM Shillong recently received yet another accolade, this time being honoured with **B-School with Industry Related Curriculum in Information Technology** in a

Grand ceremony held at the Taj Lands End, Mumbai on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.

The awards, which apparently, are well researched and chosen by an independent jury and a panel of professionals who believe in nurturing talent and in recognizing the best of the best is in recognition of leadership, development, marketing an institute and industry interface of Business schools.

The honour was handed by **Saugata Mitra**, Chief People Officer & Group Head HR, Mother Dairy Fruit & Vegetable Pvt Ltd. (file photo extreme left) and **Satyakki Bhattacharya**, Director – HR, MCCS (India) Pvt. Ltd, Star News (file photo\_extreme right) in the presence of eminent personalities in the field of academics and luminaries from the Corporate world.

Incidentally, Star News is the leading News Channel of the country and this is for the first time that the group has come up with the endeavor of recognizing the efforts and work of B-schools across the country.

### IIMS launches its online Placement Portal

IIM Shillong officially launched its on-line placement portal on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February, 2011 on the institute website. The inaugural launch was done by **Shri I. P. Barooah, Chairman and Managing Director of NEEPCO Ltd.**

#### Launch of the online Placement Portal

The inauguration was graced by the presence of the **Director of IIM Shillong, Prof A K Dutta; Prof Basav Roy Choudhury, the IT- In charge of the institute and Prof S. Shahjahan Dean Planning & Research, IIM Shillong.** Prof A K Dutta appreciated the efforts of the student members of the IT Committee and Placement Cell who took the lead in establishing the placement portal. He also reiterated the institute's aim of being a pioneer in IT infrastructure and stated how a sound IT infrastructure has helped the institute in having smooth administrative processes and has also aided in the education system.

**Shri I. P. Barooah, the Chairman and MD of NEEPCO** in his address also appreciated IIM Shillong's leading role in IT Infrastructure implementation which has become a benchmark for many other organizations. He also called on for a stronger relationship between IIM Shillong and NEEPCO and said that IIM Shillong can play a great role in up lifting the North Eastern region.



### Objective and features of the online Placement Portal

The objective of the placement portal is to streamline the complete placement process by enabling corporate registration and facilitating online communication through a dedicated medium on the institute website. The primary features that the portal offers are:

**Online registration by corporate as recruiters; Profile update by corporate at any time; Student profile search by registered corporate from the database; Submitting details about their interest in recruitment from IIM Shillong including uploading of Job Description files and Generation of placement status report by Placement Cell.** The link to the portal is: <http://www.iimshillong.in/placement/iimsadva ntage.aspx>

With its multiple features and functionalities the portal will be a great step ahead for the institute in augmenting its strong and efficient IT infrastructure.