



IIM Shillong and Self Development: The success mantra

The Indian Institute of Management Shillong lays utmost importance in the holistic development of its candidates. To this effect, it has conducted **Personality Development Programs (PDP)**, **salsa workshops** and **cultural events** from the very start. These programs help in honing the analytical and the creative skills of participants. This time the institute decided to go an extra mile by exposing the participants to another unique course; a Six day seminar on **'Vedanta and the art of self-management'**, which was delivered by **Swamiji L. Ramaswamy**. Swamiji has devoted over five years to intense study and research of the Vedanta philosophy (knowledge of life and living) under the guidance of his guru, **Swami Parthasarathy**, at the Vedanta Academy near Pune, India. He has engaged himself to a full-time propagation of knowledge through study classes and discussion groups on Vedanta. He has also made presentations at leading educational institutions like IIT Kharagpur, IISWBM, Kolkata and to corporate houses like TISCO, Jamshedpur, CESC & Patton, and Kolkata.

Swamiji began the program by discussing the relevance of understanding and conquering stress which is severely rampant across every domain of human experience. He pointed out that although the quality of the worldly life has improved, thanks to science and technology, the happiness quotient is being pounded by disturbances and depression. He said **"Vedanta is the science of the internal world of humans. It is also the most ignored facet of management, the management of the self which has been neglected to the point of fault"**. He then detailed the audience on what Vedanta essentially was, its origin, and its role in gaining mastery over one's self and consequently combating stress.



What ensued was the split up of the human constitution into mind, intellect and the real self and that we operate on these faculties from **"womb to the tomb"**. He then pointed out that the mind is primarily responsible for all the well-being of a person and that the intellect is the tool to control this great powerhouse that we possess. **"The mind lives either in the past or in the future, it is rarely in the present. As you are here, in this seminar, your mind might wander into domains of relationships, of studies and other areas of natural interests"**. He was quick to retort **"by saying so, I have unnecessarily reminded you of today's cricket match"**.

By bringing in pockets of wit and relatable examples, Swamiji held the audience in rapt attention. He discussed from various topics ranging from Anger Management, keeping a check on your Ego to the most simple but at the same time difficult question – **"Who am I?"** The floor was always open to questions and the number of hands that went up was something that any professor would love to see. The whole program ended with intensely thought provoking discussions whose memories would still linger in the minds of the audience.

IIM Shillong and WBNUJS sign historic MoU

In what can be looked at as a new dimension in higher education, **IIM Shillong and the National University of Juridical Science West Bengal** today have formally sealed the agreement to start a **Post Graduate Executive Diploma in Business Management and Law (PGexDBL)** in the presence of the **Chief Minister of Meghalaya Dr. Mukul Sangma**, and **Shri Rathindra Nath Datta**, **Chairman Board of Governors RGIIMS**. Both the Institutes were represented by **Prof AK Dutta** founding **Director IIM Shillong** and **Prof Dr. M P Singh** **Vice Chancellor WBNUJS** respectively.

The philosophy of the program is centred around preparing participants to earn a professional qualification in Business Management and Law by virtue of gaining in depth understanding of various concepts in the area. The program as such would also aim at helping participants to understand the latest developments and best practices.

The two institutions will be jointly responsible for the publication and protection of the intellectual property of collaboration.

Speaking to newsmen during the occasion, Dr. Sangma exhorted academic institutions to reinvent learning by adopting an innovative approach and congratulated the two institutions on the collaborative pact.

While combined Business Management and Law studies has proved to be a great success in the western world such as in Germany, there is yet to be such kind of unique initiative in India. **"This course will come handy for judicial officers and managers. We can only hope that there are a good number of takers of this opportunity,"** remarked **Prof Dutta** post signing of the MoU. The program which is scheduled to commence later this year would be of a 15 month duration.

Meghalaya Chief Minister Dr. Mukul Sangma also took time off to meet with students of IIM Shillong over an interaction and jointly released its HR Club's magazine titled **Together** at the Institute campus in the presence of faculty members and officers.

Director's Activities



31st August to 16th September, 2011

- Addressed **Transformational Leadership Programme at SILOAM, Umiam**
- Attended **NICT 2011 Inauguration at Guwahati, Assam** and met with **Dr Prem Charan**, **Commissioner and Secretary Soil Conservation Department, Government of Assam**, **Shri D P Wahlang**, **Commissioner and Secretary IT Department, Government of Meghalaya** and **Shri Ambarish Dasgupta**, **Executive Director, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)** for campus recruitment
- Delivered a speech on **"Inclusive Growth: Empowering Northeast with ICT"** at **NICT 2011 at Guwahati, Assam**
- Meeting with **Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma**, **Cabinet Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Guwahati Development, Information Technology and Science and Legislative of Assam.**
- Addressed the **HODs of OIL India, Pipeline Division at Narangani, Assam**
- Interaction with **IG BSF** and with **Mr. Anand**, **ex-Executive Director ONGC**
- Attended **Board Meeting of RGIIM Shillong at Guwahati**
- Attended the **Third Meeting of Central Direct Tax Advisory Committee, New Delhi**
- Attended **Board of Trustees Retreat of Desales University at Saucon Valley Country Club, USA**
- Visited **OIL India Ltd., Guwahati** and held meeting on **CSR in PSU's**
- Attended **Governing Meeting of the Assam Institute of Management, Guwahati**
- Meeting with the **Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Shillong.**

CEO Speak @ IIMS



Mr. Vivek Kudva, **Managing Director, India and CEEMEA, Franklin Templeton Investments** during the Video Conferencing session with the Students of IIMS on 19th September, 2011.



Swamiji L. Ramaswamy, **Swamiji and Prof A.K Dutta**, **Director RGIIMS** speaking during the Six day seminar on **'Vedanta and the art of self-management'** in IIMS.

Merlvin Jude Mukhim performed on the occasion of the **53rd Foundation Day of Doordarshan Kendra** on 15th September 2011 as a senior performing artist of the State with a Live performance of the duet song **Kin iai sah** from the **KSU album Ki Syrwet Rupa** which was recorded in the year 2004, alongside veteran female artist **Mrs. Theresia War**

Shri Vincent Pala, **Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Water Resources** was the **Chief Guest** at the occasion amongst other dignitaries.

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