

Faculty Corner

Prof Natalie West Kharkongor attended a discussion on "Meghalaya Village Administration Bill, 2011" organized by KLKSK, Shillong on the 12th December 2011. Prof Natalie in her speech mentioned about the functions of the Finance Commission and the flow of central funds to the Local Bodies.

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An Initiative by EcoBiz Club.

Annual Blood Donation Camp



The EcoBiz Club of IIM Shillong organized the second 'Annual Blood Donation Camp' at IIM Shillong, in collaboration with Regional Blood Bank, Pasteur Institute of Shillong, Meghalaya Aids Control Society and State Blood Transfusion Council. Prof Ashoke.K.Dutta the Director of IIM Shillong provided the inspiration for this camp and encouraged the students to donate blood.

Prof. Natalie West Kharkongor, faculty coordinator, EcoBiz Club was instrumental in arranging all the necessary infrastructural support for this camp. The Lions Club of Shillong also collaborated as the main sponsors. The camp saw the participation of nearly 60 members including students, faculty, staff of IIM Shillong and Lions Club members. The total number of donors was 50.

On this occasion Dr. W.F. Dkhar, Joint Director, Pasteur Institute emphasized on the importance of voluntary blood donation and its usefulness to mankind. Dr Ranjeeta Momin, senior medical officer Pasteur institute also spoke about the procedures and precautions to be followed by the donors.

Shri Deepan Singh Saroda, President Lions Club expressed his pleasure and satisfaction to have collaborated with IIM Shillong in this noble initiative. Mrs Shibani Talukdar, Secretary Lion club and Mr.BCG Marbaniang, Vice President, Lions Club Shillong also praised the efforts of the students to have come up with such an initiative and in the process contribute to social welfare.

IIM S CEDNER produces 26 budding entrepreneurs of NER



The Centre for Development of the North eastern Region (CEDNER) under the aegis of IIM Shillong has organized the Certificate Distribution Ceremony of the six month Certificate Course on "Developing Managerial Skills for Entrepreneurs" on 19th December 2011 at the Institutes' auditorium. The course is one of its kind organized by any IIM for the youth population, in collaboration with the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Govt. of India. The six-month course was inaugurated by the then Union Minister of DoNER, GOI in July 2011.



The main purpose of organizing the course was to develop the various types of management skills among the existing and future entrepreneurs of the region so that they can contribute to the overall development of the North Eastern Region keeping in line with the NER-Vision document 2020.

The course had drawn participation from almost all North Eastern States. The curriculum of the course included field work and field visits and also live interaction with many leading Entrepreneurs from the North East, over and above the regular Interactions with the Faculty members of Institute.

The certificate distribution ceremony of the course was presided over by Mr. S. Sridhar, former Chairman and Managing Director of Central Bank of India and National Housing Bank. In his address to the outgoing successful candidates he insisted that entrepreneurs need to be techno savvy besides being innovative in all their ventures. Further he advised hard work and an uncompromising ethical their approach. He further appreciated the efforts of IIM Shillong under the leadership of Prof AK Dutta whom he considers "a hardworking man with a combination of experiences," in organizing such courses for development of entrepreneurship of this region since entrepreneurial initiatives are lagging behind in comparison to some of the developed states of the Country.

Prof Ashoke K. Dutta, Director of IIM Shillong while congratulating the successful candidates stressed that to become a good entrepreneur one should first be a good human being and urged the participants to remain steadfast in their commitment to make a difference to the region, and carrying out the message to others as ambassadors of the institute.

Prof. Keya Sengupta, the Course Director had earlier given the overview of the entire Course in a nutshell and expressed her confidence that the training undergone in last six-months by the participants will enable most of them to become successful entrepreneurs of the region. She had also announced the commencement of second 6-month course on entrepreneurship by February 2012, the advertisement for which has already come out in all the leading news papers of the North Eastern States. The aspirants can also get full details about the second course from the website of the Institute.

The participants have expressed their gratitude to CEDNER of IIM Shillong for their unique and invaluable learning experiences during the course of 6-months training at IIM Shillong.

Director's Activities



9th December, 2011 to 18th December, 2011

- Visit to MHRD, meeting with Shri Ashok Thakur, Special Secretary MHRD
- Visit to National Stock Exchange and meeting with Mr.G.C. Sharma, Head Financial Education.
- Attended the Sixth meeting of the Development & Research Advisory Committee of National housing Bank.



**PAG Audit lauds IIM Shillong leadership
Joins in pre- Christmas celebration.**

Innovation in thinking and practice need not necessarily be only in terms of technological advancement, management or strategic practices, but innovation in sustaining human relationship towards ensuring increased output is also equally important.

This was witnessed today at IIM Shillong wherein small gift tokens were presented to all outsourced housekeeping, gardening, guest house and security staff by Shri Andrew Langstieh, Principal Accountant General (Audit) in the presence of Prof AK Dutta Director IIM Shillong and other Officers of the Institute.

In his short address, Mr. Langstieh lauded the efforts of the Institute in making a difference to the lives of people who normally are a forgotten lot especially in government offices. "In all my years of service today is the most pleasant one, to be able to share such an experience. It is this kind of a humane effort through able leadership, I am sure, that has ensured IIM Shillong to be where it is today. The harmonious and caring relationship amply visible and is perhaps the reason why everyone at IIM Shillong seem to really work with a smile" he remarked.

While many may even resort to thinking that such endeavours are a misuse of government funds, what many may not know is the method in which such things are made possible in IIM S. With a sincere endeavour and vision to make a difference to the lives of the under privileged and economically backward serving the interest of the Institute, the Director of the Institute himself ensures that a good percentage of consultancy fee he receives is converted into an endowment for the outsourced staff which they in turn access in dire times to meet emergent health and other needs.

Prof AK Dutta while speaking with a great tinge of emotion recollected how from the very initial phase itself that the outsourced staff provided uncomplaining service in spite of the immense work that they had to shoulder at the time, and have continued to do so, thereby lifting the image of the institute. "The first thing that a visitor to IIM Shillong notices is the cleanliness, and service, and indeed we must remain grateful to those who help in providing such an ambience, for it is these little things that have propelled the Institute to quickly becoming a recognized Centre for Excellence (in all spheres) and an environment-friendly set up."

A Christmas cake was jointly cut by Mr. Langstieh and Prof Dutta during the occasion.

It may be mentioned that Prof Dutta is known to have at many times personally inquired about the welfare of the outsourced staff of the Institute in particular, and has been known to take quick steps to ensure corrective measures to ease their worries.



IIMS Initiates Unified Thinking On Sports Development.



The Indian .Civil Aviation Sector is undergoing a major overhaul. Major policy changes are taking place because of a shift in the mindset of the government from considering air travel as elitist to making it available to the common man. This has led to the liberalization of air travel services. The entry of low cost carriers is expected to cause a sharp increase in air traffic by eliminating the price premium of past years. As per analysts there would be 10- 20% growth in traffic in the next 5-10 years. The airports in India are inadequate for handling this increase in traffic.

There has been a lot of debate over the rationale of privatization of airports. Both critics and proponents of privatization argued their own ways. However, the failure of the Government in airport infrastructure has largely driven privatization. Further, privatization also brings in much needed capital and the efficiency introduced by market forces. Under this circumstances Indian Institute of management Shillong has offered a six month long IIM certificate course on **Sustainable Airport infrastructure building and project management (SAIPM)** for 35 officers and air warriors of Indian Air Force at their Head Quarters of eastern air Command through EAC Chapter of IIM-S . The chapter was inaugurated on April 21, 2011 by Air Marshal KK Nohwar, PVSM,VM AOC- IN-C, in the presence of Prof.S.Shajahan, Dean (planning and research) and program chair –SAIPM.

To list the name of few ranking officers in IAF, Air Marshal Pankaj Aneja , Air Cmde Arun Kumar Barrik and 9 Group Captains, 22 Wing Commanders.SAIPM focuses on bringing people from the aviation sector together to learn how to make their airport project ideas and ventures, organizations and the world more environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable, therefore generating, and regenerating the natural, social, human, manufacturing and financial capital for both short and long term prosperity.

The program includes **coursework and project (real time)** mode with airport infrastructure in the existing locations. To name few projects which came up during this process include assessment of facilities required to develop Umroi (Barapani) Airport as modern airport, greenfield airport for Shillong,creation of infrastructure for medium lift helicopters in defense, techno economic feasibility study for development of brown field helicopter at upper Shillong are mind blogging.

"This will be forwarded to State and Central Governments, Indian Air force for implementation with due recommendation from IIM Shillong shortly" says the Professor Shajahan, the program architect and Chair. Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) has supported the practical training to civil aviation and terminal operation in Terminal III in Delhi Airport .

The valedictory function and give away of SAIPM Certificate to the participants were held at IIM Shillong on December 04, 2011. Mr. SK Misra ex- Chairman Indian ordinance factory was the Chief Guest. Air Vice Marshall Pankaj Aneja was the topper among the officers by scoring 96% in the overall evaluation followed by Wing Cmdr. Vikramsinh D Gorpade (2nd rank with 94%) and Air Cmde Arun kumar Barik ,Wing Cmdr. Charles A Thomas ,Mr. SK Mishra (3rd rank with 92%).

Pre- Christmas celebration

