

Connecting With World Renowned Author Ira Trivedi



Ira Trivedi is the critically-acclaimed, best-selling author of *What Would You Do To Save the World?* (2006), *The Great Indian Love Story* (2009), and *There is No Love on Wall Street* (2011). Her books have been published by Penguin and have been translated into several languages including Hindi, Marathi, Malayalam and Greek. She is currently working on a non-fictional book, *India in Love: Love, Sexuality and Marriage in 21st century India*, to be published by Aleph in 2013.

Beginning her career at the age of 19, Ira became one of the first young, female authors to reach the Indian youth. Her writing is based on real-life experiences, ranging from the Miss India beauty pageant to Investment Banking.

Ira Trivedi grew up across four countries, nine cities and three continents. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Wellesley College Massachusetts, USA and an MBA from Columbia Business School, where she won the prestigious Feldberg Fellowship.

Ira writes extensively in both English and Hindi, contributing to publications such as *Hindustan Times Brunch*, *Forbes*, *Outlook*, *The Hindu*, *Daily News & Analysis (DNA)*, *The Asian Age*, *The Telegraph*, *Marie Claire*, amongst many others. She regularly speaks to students and youth groups on various inspirational and motivational topics.

Ira is also a certified Teacher of Yoga from the International Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centre. Ira Trivedi currently resides in New Delhi, India with her family.

It is in connection with her upcoming book *India in Love: Love, Sexuality and Marriage in 21st century India* that Ira Trivedi interviewed **Merlvin J. Mukhim** to find out about his life, early days, love, and venture into the realms of music and films, and a professional career.

Leveraging on the meeting opportunity, she has promised to return and address students of IIM Shillong in the near future, just as she has visited and addressed students of IIMs and IITs across the country.

Six Days Management Development Program on Contemporary Project Management



Under Prof. Ashoke K Dutta's guidance, Prof. Santosh K. Prusty, Prof. Shankar Purbey and Prof. Rohit Joshi successfully conducted a Six Days Management Development Program on Contemporary Project Management and Execution for Senior Executives of Oil India Limited, Guwahati, during 30th April 2012 to 5th May 2012.

Prof. S.K.Majumdar (MDP Chairman) inaugurated the program and Prof. D.K Agarwal (Officiating Director) presided over the Valedictory program. RGIIM Shillong faculty members were also invited to deliver lectures on their expertise domain. This course was specially designed for the Senior Executives of Oil India Limited, Guwahati to provide understanding of concepts and contents of contemporary project management. The participants were exposed with all the four (Financial, Technical, Personal and Organizational) dimensions and three phases (formulation, financing and execution) of project life cycle that includes the journey that starts from project planning till project executions. This comprehensive training program was consisted of three modules. Proven industry-leading technology specified for design, materials and construction to support safe, reliable and cost-effective operations were discussed in detail. Each module intended to acquaint the participants with the latest tools and techniques of project management. The group was also taken to the new campus site and the details of the project were discussed by Col. Nagarajan and Mr. Sunshine Marbaniang. All participants appreciated the program and promised to send the next group for the same program soon.

Director's Activities



2nd May 2012 to 7th May 2012

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- Attended Meeting at Don Bosco University, Guwahati.

3rd May 2012

- Meeting with Hon'ble Minister DoNER, New Delhi.

4th May 2012

- Attended NHPC Board Meeting in New Delhi.



Prof Ashoke K Dutta Director IIM Shillong shares a light moment with Mr. Janamitra Devan, Vice President Financial & Private Sector Development, World Bank Group and International Financial Corporation.

Faculty Corner

As a nominated member of the State Biodiversity Board, Meghalaya, Prof Natalie West Kharkongor attended the **First Regional Meet of the State Biodiversity Boards** on the 4th and 5th May 2012 at Pinewood Hotel. The Meet was organized by the Forest and Environment Department, Government of Meghalaya.