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Leadership Programme for Schools' Principals / Headmasters/Education Officers of Meghalaya

Center for Development of North Eastern Region, CEDNER, IIM Shillong achieved another milestone by organising a **Five – Day Leadership Training Programme for Schools Principals / Headmasters/ Education Officers of Meghalaya** during 26th to 30th November 2013 at IIM Shillong. Realizing the importance of the administrative as well as the academic roles of the Heads of Schools, CEDNER felt it necessary to conduct the training program. The main objective of the programme is to bring about transformable leaders who can be role models and bring about positive changes in the school and society at large. The programme started with an inaugural function on the 26th November 2013. Prof. Amitabha De, Director, IIM Shillong, Prof. Natalie West Kharkongor, Head, CEDNER, Prof. Rohit Dwivedi, Convener of the Programme and Shri. L. S. Lorit, Joint State Project Director, RMSA, Education Department, Government of Meghalaya were among the others present during the function.

The course content was designed to ensure learning which would enable them to understand the effective functioning of schools and their role as a School Leader in the four major domains: Contemporary Challenges in School Education; Leadership and People Management in Schools; Strategy and Decision – Making for School Leaders; School Operations and Performance Management. During the five days, topics like state of education in the country and the state; purpose of education: beyond subjects – happy learning outcomes; changing paradigms of education; strategic planning; performance management; financial management; building schools through people; bridging the digital divide; innovations in teaching; and conceptualizing a model school were covered.

Thirty Headmasters, Principals, and Education Officers from all over the State attended the training programme. The programme was organized by Prof. Natalie West Kharkongor, Head, CEDNER and financed by State Education Mission Authority Mission (SEMAM), Education Department, Government of Meghalaya. Prof. Rohit Dwivedi was the programme convener. The event came to a close on the 30th November 2013. Shri. F. R. Kharkongor, IAS, State Project Director, SSA & SEMAM, RMSA and Secretary, Education Department, Government of Meghalaya was the Chief Guest in the official closing ceremony.



Director's meeting with Alumni members of IIM S at Mumbai

EcoBiz Club of IIMS organises Leadership Summit

IIM Shillong has turned its attention towards nurturing the young students in Shillong in a right direction. **EcoBiz club of IIM Shillong** under the faculty co-ordinatorship of Prof Natalie West Kharkongor along with **Environmental Foundation of India (EFI)** conducted a pioneer leadership workshop for the local students of Shillong from various colleges and schools. The one day workshop, supported by **Lions Club of Shillong** mainly focused on bringing out leaders in Shillong in the field of environment. The workshop was inaugurated by Prof Amitabha De, Director of IIM Shillong, Mr. Arun Das, Lions Club President and Mr. Arun Krishnamurthy, EFI president. Prof. De highlighted the importance of this initiative and stressed upon how development should go hand in hand with conservation. He told the students that conservation should begin from each individual.

During the course of the workshop, various engaging activities were carried out to hone the leadership qualities of students. Towards the end of the session, a Shillong chapter of EFI was launched which will be driven by the students. This chapter will work on projects related to environmental conservation in Shillong like lake restoration, solid waste management etc. The first program of this chapter is most likely to commence on January 2014. The students of this workshop went back with passion to do something for environmental upgradation.

Nation wide Candle Light march



The **Manjunath Shanmugam Trust** is an international pan-IIM alumni initiative that pledge to fight against corruption and works to improve governance in Indian public life. The trust was instituted in the memory of **Manjunath Shanmugam**, an alumnus of IIM Lucknow, who sacrificed his life while carrying out his professional duty as an honest individual. The trust worked relentlessly on Manjunath's murder case and succeeded in bringing all the 8 accused to book in a record 9 months' trial. The key accused was awarded death penalty and the rest were awarded life imprisonment.

Like every year, the trust is organizing a nation-wide candle light march on November 19, the death anniversary of Manjunath. We, at IIM Shillong wholeheartedly support the cause and would support the trust along with all other IIMs. The march would take place at 6.30 pm, followed by taking a pledge of integrity and help in awakening nation-wide consciousness about widespread corruption prevalent in the country.

Parliamentary Standing Committee Visits IIMS



Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on HRD visiting IIM Shillong on 21st November 2013

A team of the **Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development** recently visited Shillong on a two-day visit to the State to review the functioning and performance of higher educational institutions in the State to get an idea of the functioning of premier institutes such as IIM Shillong. During their visit, the team is gathered information about the challenges faced by the higher educational institutions in the State and accordingly will prepare a report on the same.

The Committee also met representatives of other North Eastern states to discuss the functioning of Central institutes located across the North East region.

The **Parliamentary Standing Committee** was led by **Rajya Sabha member Birender Singh**.

Senior officials of the **Rajya Sabha Secretariat, HRD Ministry and Autonomous Bodies as well as the Central Board of Secondary Education and various other officials accompanied the members.**

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The dipping temperatures and chilly winds of the undulating terrains of Meghalaya could not dampen the spirits of students of IIM Shillong who celebrated the festival with great pomp and splendor.

The celebrations began with the students of IIM Shillong visiting the children of **SOS Children's Village, Shillong** and contributing their bit by means of a donation, and spreading the festive cheer. With people living in interior villages where proper medical facilities have not been able to reach and shortage of gainful employment, the State of Meghalaya has many under privileged and orphan children who need a home and help for a hopeful future. SOS Children's Village Shillong has been established to take care of such children and is situated on a beautiful hillock overlooking the picturesque Umiang lake spread over 11.4 acres. It was a truly elevating experience for the students who got the chance to visit the Village and meet the children.

The festivities kicked off on Saturday with the **Mehendi competition**. While some seasoned participants drew beautiful and intricate patterns, the amateurs also tried their hands at it and enjoyed thoroughly. This was followed by an exciting game of **Antakshari**.

The **Rangoli-making** competition saw innovative and creative designs put together by the teams. There were diverse themes from the festive theme to social awareness themes from 'Quit Smoking' to women empowerment and even modern art.

Students took part in the **cardboard house-making competition** – from country houses to full-sized apartments, their inventiveness was put to test and it yielded many striking exemplars. The most awaited event was the **Great Diwali Marathon** which was a team-based event with interesting tasks and hurdles including multiple concentration and coordination games thoroughly enjoyed by all participants.

Later in the evening, the **Director of IIM Shillong – Dr. Amitabha De**, along with the faculty members joined the merriment with their families and also participated in the games. The celebrations with the faculty members were followed by the Laxmi pooja and a bonfire, where the final round of Antakshari was played and drew to a nail-biting finish.

The night came to a close with everyone sharing moments of festivities and reminiscing about previous Diwali celebrations. Diwali was celebrated at IIM Shillong with great enthusiasms by all students endorsing the institute's belief in sustainable measures.