

## IIM Shillong welcomes its 7<sup>th</sup> Batch



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Our Knowledge Centre has been awarded the INDEST Best Users among all New IIMs for the year 2013. The award received by the under signed from the Director of NIT Srinagar (J & K) in the presence of Director IIT Delhi, Director NIT Silchar, Vice Chancellor Assam University and some invited guests along with an official of MHRD Govt. of India, and all the librarian of NITs, IITs, IIMs, IISER, NISER, NIETE Mumbai, some librarians of Central University of India and some Librarians of reputed private universities during INDEST-AICTE meeting, held at NIT Silchar (Assam), from 5-6 may, 2014.

## IIM Shillong welcomes its seventh batch

As in the past, the Indian Institute of Management, Shillong welcomed its seventh batch with strength of 146 students. Encouraging in mentioning the least is the increase in intake by IIM Shillong in comparison to previous years, holding on to incremental consistency in admissions. The induction program for the new batch was adorned by presence of eminent dignitaries.

The Chief Guest for the event was **Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Vice President (TQM), Exide Industries**. Speaking about the challenges that India is currently facing, Dr. Ghosh stressed on the opportunities available for managers & entrepreneurs and the scope for improvement through dynamic leadership. Dr. Anjan Ghosh was joined by the **Chairman of the Board of Directors of IIM Shillong, Shri Falguni Rajkumar and the Institute Director Prof Amitabha De**.

Prof. Amitabha De, talked about the uniqueness that IIM Shillong has in its pedagogy further pointing out the positive behavioral change that the Institute tries inculcate in its students through the power of education. He said "The aim of education is to have humility in your conduct, passion in your lives and inclusiveness in your thinking and most importantly in striving to be a good human being."

IIM Shillong has been constantly proving its mettle in the field of management education and has seen a tremendous rise in its performance among all the B-Schools. This year, the increase in batch size stands as testimony of the growth pattern of IIM Shillong as an eminent Indian B-School.

The induction program was thoroughly enjoyed by the new batch in the presence of their respective parents.

## Global and the Indigenous: Connecting the Discourses

The Two Day Workshop on "**Global and the Indigenous: Connecting the Discourses**": June 6 – 7, 2014, IIM Shillong was something out of the ordinary. The presentations and lively participation at the end of each session over the 2 day discourse brought to the fore a range of noteworthy issues at the global context, at the national level and also from nooks and corners of the North East in particular.

At a personal level, my perception is that people, in general, may not actually care or even be aware of the ills of globalization / capitalism as long as the benefits are conveniently consumed. The exponential growth of consumerism is an undeniable fact. Slowly but surely there has been a gradual invasion, an invasion of mono culturalism that is considered a threat to the diversity that exists in multi-lingual and multi- cultural societies. Closer home at the North East, indigenous cultures and identities are already vying for spaces of their own. While the reasons may be multiple and varied, at the heart of these is the drive to exploit the abundant resources to feed the growing needs of time driven by consumerism. While the exploitation and use of resources are not necessarily bad, it is in the existing manner done or sought to be done. These central pieces or agents wear many guises and one needs to be wary.

As an educator, syllabi and time constraints are my biggest enemies. There is also a regular need to upgrade one's knowledge on relevant issues (social, economic, political....) which are often pushed under the radar and deemed to be "anti – development". Discussions on such crucial matters (some encouraging, some precarious) in the 2 day discourse need more space and time and an appropriate platform with representations from various sections of society as we are all stakeholders. Only then such voices are amplified and abundant reasons collectively provided to the ears of decision makers. In this respect, IIM Shillong has done an admirable job in providing a platform for a range of participants from students to educators to activists, journalists and social commentators. This helped me soak in a multitude of issues and views from different standpoints and across age. Our concerns are similar but the road map to raising greater awareness and solutions will vary given the context.

## Felicitation of Ecobiz Club, IIM Shillong By Meghalaya Aids Control Society On World Blood Donor Day



Every year, on 14<sup>th</sup> June, countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day. This year this auspicious day brought some very proud moments for **ECoBiZ Club of IIM Shillong**. In an event organized to observe World Blood Donation Day, which was organized by Meghalaya AIDS Control Society, Meghalaya State Blood Transfusion Council in collaboration with Meghalaya Legislative Forum on HIV/AIDS and Licensed Blood Banks, East Khasi Hills District, ECoBiZ Club of IIM Shillong was felicitated for its continuous and dedicated efforts towards encouraging voluntary blood donation and spreading awareness about the same. The event was attended by many prominent dignitaries of the Meghalaya government, medical institutes and organizations involved with the noble cause of blood donation. The Chief Guest in the event was **Shri A L Hek, Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Meghalaya**. Other guests included **Shri K.W. Marbaniang, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Dr. D. Tariang, Medical Superintendent Dr. H Robert Hospital Shillong, Project Director of Meghalaya AIDS Control Society and several other prominent dignitaries**. The program included presentations by prominent doctors of Shillong including Ms. E. Lyngdoh, Deputy Director (BS) and Dr. Hughbert Dkhar from Nazareth Hospital. They talked about the importance of 'Safe blood for saving mothers' - the theme for this year and how different organizations and individuals can help in this initiative. This was followed by felicitation of the contributing organizations of Shillong. The efforts of ECoBiZ Club of IIM Shillong in this area were also recognized. ECoBiZ Club of IIM Shillong organised the 3<sup>rd</sup> blood donation camp on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2014. The camp was organised in collaboration with Pasteur Institute, Shillong under the expert medical guidance and care of Dr. Momin and her nursing staff. The members of the club were called on stage and were given certificates and mementos by Mr. A L Hek, Honourable minister of Health and Family welfare, Meghalaya Government. It was extremely encouraging for the Club to see their efforts being appreciated by the Government of Meghalaya at this prestigious event. The ceremony was followed by some performances by the local bands of Shillong. At the end the Chief Guest, Shri A L Hek said he was really happy to see youth organizations taking up such a noble cause. He called for a dedication towards blood donation from top officers and organizations of the state. His extremely motivating speech gave the various organisations the impetus to make Meghalaya a perennial source of safe blood.