

Players Tee Off as IIM Shillong Golf Cup Season 8 gets Underway



On a cosy Saturday morning in Shillong, students of the Indian Institute of Management, Shillong were busy hosting eminent guests, from various domains of corporate industry, government, and sport, on the lush green carpets of the Shillong Golf Course as their flagship event, The Golf Cup got underway. This year's tournament, the eighth edition was inaugurated by **Dr. Mukul Sangma, the Honourable Chief Minister of the state of Meghalaya** on October 29th, 2015. Sponsored by Meghalaya Tourism and co-sponsored by The Indian Oil Corporation, State Bank of India and the Royal Wahingdoh Football Club, this year's event was dedicated to celebrating the spirit of sport.

The inaugural tee off to commence the game was done by **Shri C. D. Kynjing, IAS (Retd.)**, the Chief Information Commissioner of Meghalaya, at 6 a.m. The day saw about 100 golfers from the Northeast region which includes esteemed guests from various government ministries and armed forces such as **Shri. Tony Curtis Lyngdoh of the Indian National Congress, Maj. Geeta Mishra, and Maj. (Retd.) Dr. K. I. Singh.** Day 2 of the prestigious tournament will see about 20 corporate representatives from industry majors such as Adobe, Aircel, Deutsche Bank, EY, HP, Oracle, Tata, United Spirits and VMWare.

With a view to connect top corporate professionals, esteemed government officials, local figureheads, and professional golf players with the management academia in a leisurely setting, IIM Shillong hosts its flagship event on the scenic Shillong Golf Course, known to be one of the few natural golf courses in Asia. IIM Shillong is the first and only Indian B-School to host its own Golf Invitational Tournament with the first edition convened in the year 2009. The game is organized on a stroke play format with players ranked on the basis of finishing the 18-hole course in the least number of strokes played. The players are distinguished on three handicap grades of 0-12, 13-18 and 19-24 in separate categories for professional players, corporate representatives, and women. Prizes are organized in each of these categories along with separate prizes for the nearest to pin, longest drive, and straightest drive.

The day ended with happy faces of the players who had a great experience competing and interacting with each other over the scenic setting. Lt. Col. C. Manish stated "IIM Shillong has done a fantastic job in organizing the event. Great job by the students." Prof. Basav Roychoudhury of IIM Shillong said "It's a proud feeling to see that The Golf Cup has now become a legacy entering into its eighth edition. We are leveraging on our advantage of having the unique setting of the natural golf course and this has allowed great interaction between education and industry." Sharad Srinivasan, a member of the Student Council of IIM Shillong stated "Months of planning and continuous efforts have gone into putting this event together. It was my first experience and I had a lot to learn while having fun all the same."

IIM Shillong kicks off Golf Cup Season 8 with a Run



The journey to fitness starts with a single step and with this spirit in mind, students of the Indian Institute on Management (IIM), Shillong hosted 'Run for Shillong', a 5K run on the morning of Friday, November 6, 2015 to kick start the proceedings for their flagship event, The Golf Cup. The run was conducted by the institute and was sponsored by The Royal Wahingdoh Football Club which is actively involved in celebrating the spirit of sport.

The run was flagged off by **Miss Jessica Ruth Cunville Marbaniang**, Winner of the **Sunsilk Mega Miss North East 2015**. Close to 150 runners comprising students, faculty, staff, and members of other local institutes turned up braving a cold misty morning to share the delightful experience. The idea behind the run was to celebrate the spirit of sport not just within the students, but with the community at large. The run began at IIM Shillong and finished in the heart of the city at the beautiful Ward's Lake, passing through Dhanketi, Upper Lachumiere, AIR and the Governor's House.

While a majority of the students enjoyed the weather and the camaraderie, athletes from the sporting community of Shillong and the institute were battling it out for the podium places. **Princegamet Thabab** was the first to cross the finish line with **Shibor Langki Lruid** coming in second and **Michael Thongni** finishing third from the men's category. The athletes from IIM were not too far behind with **Vishrut Dinesh** being the first, **Akshay Seth** coming in second and **Anoop Prakash** rounding up the podium. While the boys led the race, the female runners gave them a competitive run with **Dr. Kalyani Namshum** leading the charge. From the institute, it was **Anisha Khurana** who won followed by **Cheena Pasrija** in second and **Aabha Kapoor** in third.

All the runners had an exhilarating experience with lead athlete **Dr. Kalyani** stating "It was a fun run and I enjoyed the experience". Another athlete, **Anoop Prakash** said "It's great to be out here in fresh air. The company of my friends running with me is going to be a lasting memory". Even the faculty had immense words of praise with **Dr. Tapas Kumar Giri** stating "I am sure everyone will get a positive message of fitness from this event. It has helped us establish a strong relationship with the community."

The run being a student's initiative was organized by the Student Council and the Sports Committee of IIM Shillong. The organizers and volunteers had put in long hours over the past two weeks to put it all together. **Jahnvi Jethanandani**, a member of the Student Council said "It has been a crazy experience but to see the smiles today has made it all worthwhile. We had a lot to learn in managing events and it is all a part of the management training".

With the success of the run, the atmosphere is excited in anticipation of the Golf Cup which is to take place over the weekend on 7th and 8th November, 2015 at the scenic Shillong Golf Course. The eighth edition of the prestigious tournament would see the presence of leaders from industry majors including Adobe, Aircel, Deutsche Bank, EY, HP, Oracle, Tata, United Spirits and VMWare, along with Cabinet Ministers from the Meghalaya and Manipur Government. The official mascot for this year's Golf Cup is Minnie, the Hill Mynah.

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IIM Shillong pays tribute to Late Manjunath Shanmugam on his 10th Death Anniversary

The faculty and the students of IIM Shillong paid homage to **Mr. Manjunath Shanmugam** on his tenth death anniversary by conducting a candlelight march. Like every year, IIM Shillong joined hands with the Manjunath Shanmugam Trust to undertake the 'Pledge of Integrity' to fight corruption. Over 100 students gathered at around 6:30 pm to participate in the march and offer their heartfelt condolences and respect to this great personality.

The march was preceded by a speech which highlighted the efforts taken by **Mr. Manjunath Shanmugam** to curb oil malpractices and inspired us to follow his path of righteousness. We then took a pledge of commitment to uphold integrity at any cost and not succumb to corruption. The march began from IIM Shillong Campus to Nongthymmai Presbyterian Church where candles were placed around a large photo of **Mr. Manjunath** followed by a minute of silence. Posters of **Mr. Manjunath** and his message were displayed all over the institute to create awareness about the cause.

Mr. Manjunath, an alumnus of IIM Lucknow, was working to curb oil malpractices. During his fight against corruption and dishonesty, he was murdered on 19th November, 2005 by a petrol pump owner and his seven accomplices. Every year, on this very day, students across all IIMs and other B-schools participate in this endeavour of awakening nation-wide consciousness, through a candle light march. This memorial is conducted in collaboration with the Manjunath Shanmugam Trust (MST), an international corporate community initiative, which works to improve governance in Indian public life. **Mr. Manjunath** is a symbol of courage and values to every single citizen of India, more so, to the students of the IIMs. Through this endeavour, students of IIM Shillong took a vow to honour integrity and fight corruption.