

Hon'ble Union Minister of Human Resource Development Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani Addresses the Outgoing Batch at IIM Shillong' 7th Convocation



In a memorable exhortation to the outgoing participants of Indian Institute of Management Shillong (IIM-S), chief guest at the 7th Annual Convocation, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Union Minister for Human Resource Development congratulated the students and said, "You have crossed the stage of your life till when you could blame others, now you are an equal part of the system. As a partner of the society, it is your responsibility to bring about change. The nation needs holistic leaders not just business leaders."

The Convocation Ceremony was declared open by Shri Falguni Rajkumar, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Institute, who praised the participants for emerging out successfully through one of the toughest management programmes and urged them to be thought-partners in the development of the country. The significant achievements of IIM Shillong were highlighted by Dr. Amitabha De, Director, IIM Shillong, as he read the Academic Report for the year 2015-16 and emphasized on the growing success of the institute and the major goals that the institute wishes to achieve in the years to come.

The graduating batch comprised of 138 students of the flagship course Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM), and 7 participants of the Post Graduate Programme for Executive Diploma (PGPEX). The students donned their black robes to receive the convocation certificates in the institute's campus, amidst their proud parents, invited guests and distinguished members of the academia.

Among the PGP students, Soumya Guha received the Gold Medal for scholastic performance in academics while Pratik Chakrabarti received the Silver Medal. Raghav Bhatnagar was conferred the Gold Medal for the best performance by a candidate in quantitative finance courses. The Gold Medal for the best all-round performance by a student in terms of general proficiency including character, conduct, and excellence in academic performance, extra-curricular activities and social service was awarded to Soumya Guha. The Institute's Medal for Positive Contribution to Campus Life was awarded to Pratik Chakrabarti. In the PGPEX batch, Supratim Dutta secured the award for the highest CGPA and Kalpesh Brahmarkar bagged the medal for all-round performance.

Study Abroad Program with Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University



Indian Institute of Management Shillong (IIMS), in spirit of its endeavour to promote global learning and to facilitate a better learning process for the participants of its Flagship Programme of Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM), strategically partnered with Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore for its first Study Abroad Programme. The IIM Shillong community believes that it is essential for its participants to gain both a worldwide perspective and a global point of view, and therefore in its effort to offer a multi-faceted business training to its students, the Institute signed an MOU with Nanyang Business School (NBS) on November 16, 2015.

A group of 31 students of the Institute's Flagship Programme spent two weeks in Singapore, from January 4 to January 16, 2016. The participants attended courses in the key domains of Business Negotiation, Corporate Financial Risk Management and Business Strategy in Digital Era. These subjects were chosen in a bid to study specialised and niche courses aimed at gaining global exposure. The course on Business Strategy in Digital Era was taught by one of the most renowned faculty of NTU, Professor Vijay Sethi. The programme enriched the students on the various subjects through classroom teaching supplemented by industrial visits which augmented the students' understanding of different spheres through ground level exposure in a comprehensive setting. Peer to peer learning and the rigour of studying in the IIM Shillong system, helped them excel at NTU. The initiative also helped students to understand subjects from an array of different cultural viewpoints thereby refining their perspective and giving them an opportunity to interact with students from different nationalities.

The participants believe that the programme propelled an exchange of fresh ideas and helped to showcase their learnings on the global stage. It gave an opportunity to the students to develop cross cultural skills and contribute to global deliberations, by being responsible ambassadors of the Institute and the country. The participants, fortified with strong encouragement of the Institute, feel enriched by their scholastic experience.