

CEDNER of IIM Shillong concludes program

Indian Institute of Management Shillong
Tourism & Hospitality Management
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Centre for Development of North Eastern Region (CEDNER), IIM Shillong had successfully organized two training programmes on **General Management Program** and on **Tourism and Hospitality Management** held at the premises of IIM Shillong during May to June 2016.

The first program was designed to help unemployed educated youth to build a business-wide perspective to prepare them to venture into entrepreneurship and start their own business and for the self-employed was to help them to understand and analyze the present business opportunities in North-East. The second program was designed to help those who seek their career in the Tourism and Hospitality sector in developing the management and entrepreneurial skills necessary to work in establishments related to the tourism factor and also to give the knowledge and ability to develop marketing strategies based on a practical business plan. The Resource Persons of the two training programs were from a diverse background: academic, government, and industry. Shri. R. G. Lyngdoh, Vice-Chancellor, MLCU and Prof. Amitabha De, Director of RGIIM Shillong, were present during the Valedictory Function of the training program on Tourism and Hospitality Management that was held on the 10th June 2016 at IIM Shillong



IIM Shillong Inaugurates its Largest Ever Batch



Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Shillong, the seventh oldest IIM of the country **inaugurated its largest ever batch of its flagship Post Graduate Diploma in Management program**. The Batch of 2016-18 comprising of 185 students, is twenty more than the latest previous batch. The Institute, which started operations in 2008 with a batch of 68 students, today has grown to nearly three times that size. Alongside PGDM, the Institute also inaugurated welcomed the fifth batch of its **Fellowship Programme in Management (FPM)**, the doctoral programme of the IIM.

Speaking as **Chief Guest of the event, Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Partner and Head, Management Consulting, KPMG India** exhorted, "Chase excellence and knowledge, money and career will follow. Dive deep into the subjects you wish to study and question yourself at every step whether you are heading in the right direction."

The inauguration function was also attended by the **Chairman of the Board of Directors, Shri. Falguni Rajkumar** who during his address to the new batch stated, "This part of the country denotes immense potentiality for the country. The management students are the ambassadors of this part of the world providing insights into their culture and ethos." Present amongst others were also the **Chairman PGP, Prof Basav Roychoudhury** and **Prof Pradip Sadarangini, Chairman FPM**.

During the welcome address, **Prof Amitabha De, Director** of the Institute encouraged the students, "to become part of the system, adapt, and further usher in positive development of self and the Institute as a whole." The inauguration culminated with the students pledging to maintain integrity, strive for excellence and contribute to collaborative learning followed by the vote of thanks delivered by Mr. H.K. Dutta, Chief Administrative Officer (In-charge) of the Institute.

IIM Shillong memorialises Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam will forever be remembered as one of the most beloved presidents of India. Dr. Kalam's love for teaching was no secret and he was a guest lecturer at IIM Shillong for three years before his unfortunate demise at IIM Shillong, doing what he loved.

One year hence, IIM Shillong has started a new initiative - the **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Lecture Series**, in his fond memory. The day commenced with a remembrance meet at the IIM Shillong auditorium where the entire IIM Shillong fraternity lit candles in fond memory of Dr. Kalam. The first lecture in the series was held at the Meghalaya State Convention Center in the presence of distinguished guests from across the country.

Students of IIM Shillong prepared a video to pay homage to the Missile Man and also talked about the various initiatives taken by them. **Nurturing Minds** is a program started to spread Dr. Kalam's teachings and propagate his ideas, wherein students of IIM Shillong teach underprivileged children from schools across Shillong. Among the other initiatives taken were **Prakriti, the tree plantation drive** and a **canvas painting event** which was organized on his birth anniversary. The first lecture was delivered today, by **Dr. Manas K. Mandal, distinguished Scientist & Director General - Life Sciences, Defence Research & Development Organization**, on the topic "**To lead change and the changed way of leading**", which revolved around the non-traditional forms of leadership. He mentioned how Dr. Kalam had inspired him and the nation as a whole. He spoke about how Dr. Kalam had a different approach towards leadership and how he subtly changed the thought process of each one of us. He said "A leader can integrate context, content and intent."

In addition to the lecture by Dr. Mandal, **Dr. Amitabha De, Director IIM Shillong**, also addressed the gathering. He announced that various initiatives would be undertaken by IIM Shillong, in remembrance of Dr. Kalam. The permanent campus will house a 2000 sq. metre., 800 student-strong auditorium named after him, with a bust of "Kalam Sir" outside the auditorium. Also, a center will be opened in his name, as the A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Centre for Public Policy.

Shri Falguni Rajkumar, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Shillong gave the closing address in which he said "Dr. Kalam was a bureaucrat and a scientist and had the rare quality of humanity, which distinguished him from the rest."

Dr. Kalam will always remain an integral part of IIM Shillong and its students will always try and take forward his legacy.