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Message from the Director

This newsletter is a reflection of various initiatives that the Centre has taken up in recent days. My best wishes to the team for its thoughtful engagement and meaningful contribution in the development of North East.

Prof. D.P. Goyal
Director, IIM Shillong

NEWS AND EVENTS

The Centre was established at the Indian Institute of Management Shillong to facilitate development planning in North-Eastern India. One of the primary objectives of the Centre is to network with other institutions of excellence within the North-Eastern states in various subjects' areas relevant to the development of North Eastern and to establish an institutional network for collaborative research analysis and consultancy. The Centre has been proactively engaged in collaborating with the institutions in order to engage into a meaningful deliberations and engagement. In this context, MoU has been signed with two important organisations of NER

MoU with North Eastern Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Cooperation Ltd. (NEHHDC)

The Centre has signed a MoU with NEHHDC on 11th February 2021 in the presence of Prof D.P. Goyal, Director, IIM Shillong, Shri. Atul Kulkarni, BoG, IIM Shillong, Brig. R.K. Singh (retd.), Managing Director, NEHHDC, Dr Sanjeev Ningombam, Centre Coordinator, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis, Shri Rituparna Kalita, Company Secretary, NEHHDC and Shri Chiranjib Ojah, NEHHDC. The primary objective of the MoU to assist NEHHDC through a detailed 'As-Is Study', capacity building of its team, developing marketing linkages and in developing business strategy. The Centre will assist NEHHDC in addressing the pain areas of the organisation and also facilitate in developing new age managerial practices to translate its business into a profitable and competent entity.

News and Events

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Signing of MoU with NEHDC.

MOU with State Innovation and Transformation Aayog (SITA), Government of Assam



Initial meeting with SITA

The Centre has entered a MoU with SITA, Assam on 26th February 2021. The primary objective of this MoU is to recognise the Centre as a Knowledge Partner of SITA in implementing some of its initiatives and flagship projects. The MoU also enable the Centre to work as a Think Tank and associate as an in house consultant for SITA in policy drafting and implementation.

Prof D.P. Goyal, Director, IIM Shillong, Shri. Atul Kulkarni, BoG, IIM Shillong and Dr Sanjeev Ningombam, Centre Coordinator had a detailed discussion with Shri Dipok Kumar Barthakur, Vice Chairman, SITA prior to signing of MoU on areas of collaboration, knowledge transfers and project consultations.

69th Plenary of NEC

The 69th Plenary Session of North Eastern Council (NEC) was held in Shillong, Meghalaya on 23rd & 24th January, 2021 under the Chairmanship of the Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah. The meeting was also attended by the MoS (Independent Charge), Ministry of DoNER & Vice Chairman, Dr. Jitender Singh and members of NEC consisting of the Hon'ble Governors and Chief Ministers of the eight North-Eastern states

and other members. During the two-day deliberations, the Governors, Chief Ministers and the Chief Secretaries of all the North Eastern States have made presentations on various development projects, initiatives taken and progress made on the region. The Director of IIM Shillong and the Centre Coordinator have attended the 69th plenary of NEC and took part in the deliberations.

COLLABORATION

Engagement with Government of Arunachal Pradesh



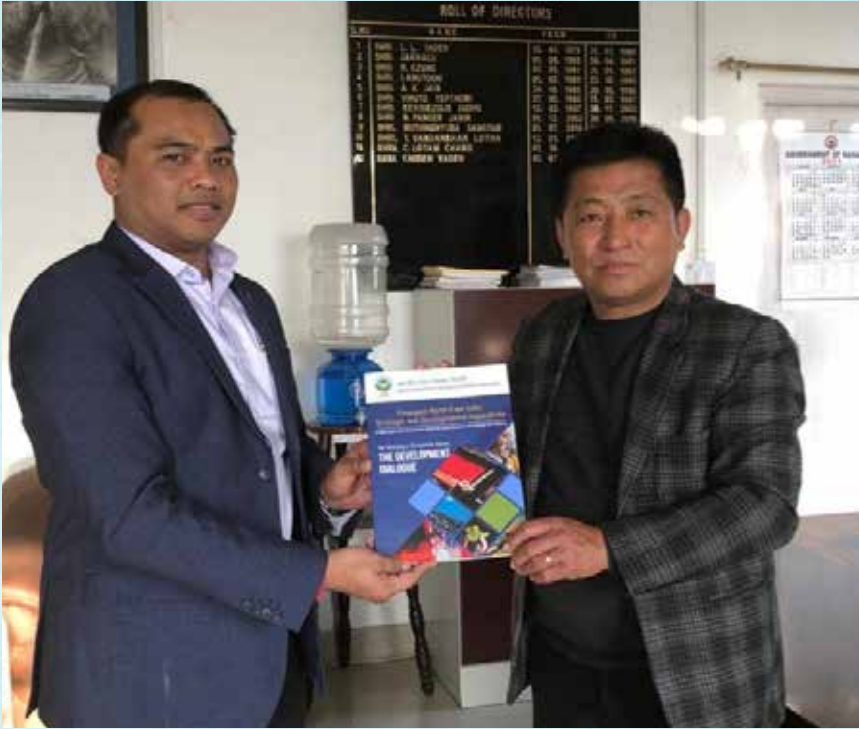
Initial discussion on joint collaboration between Dr APJ Centre and Govt of Arunachal Pradesh held at IIM Shillong

Mr. Naresh Kumar, Chief Secretary, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Nitutsering Glow, IRS, Secretary Planning, GoAP, Ms. Persis Farooqy, CM Fellow, GoAP had visited IIM Shillong on 24th January 2021. The delegation had a brief meeting with Mr. Atul Kulkarni, BoG Member, IIM Shillong, Director, IIM Shillong and the Centre coordinator.

Further the IIM Shillong team comprising of Mr. Atul Kulkarni, BoG Member, IIM Shillong, Director, IIM Shillong and the

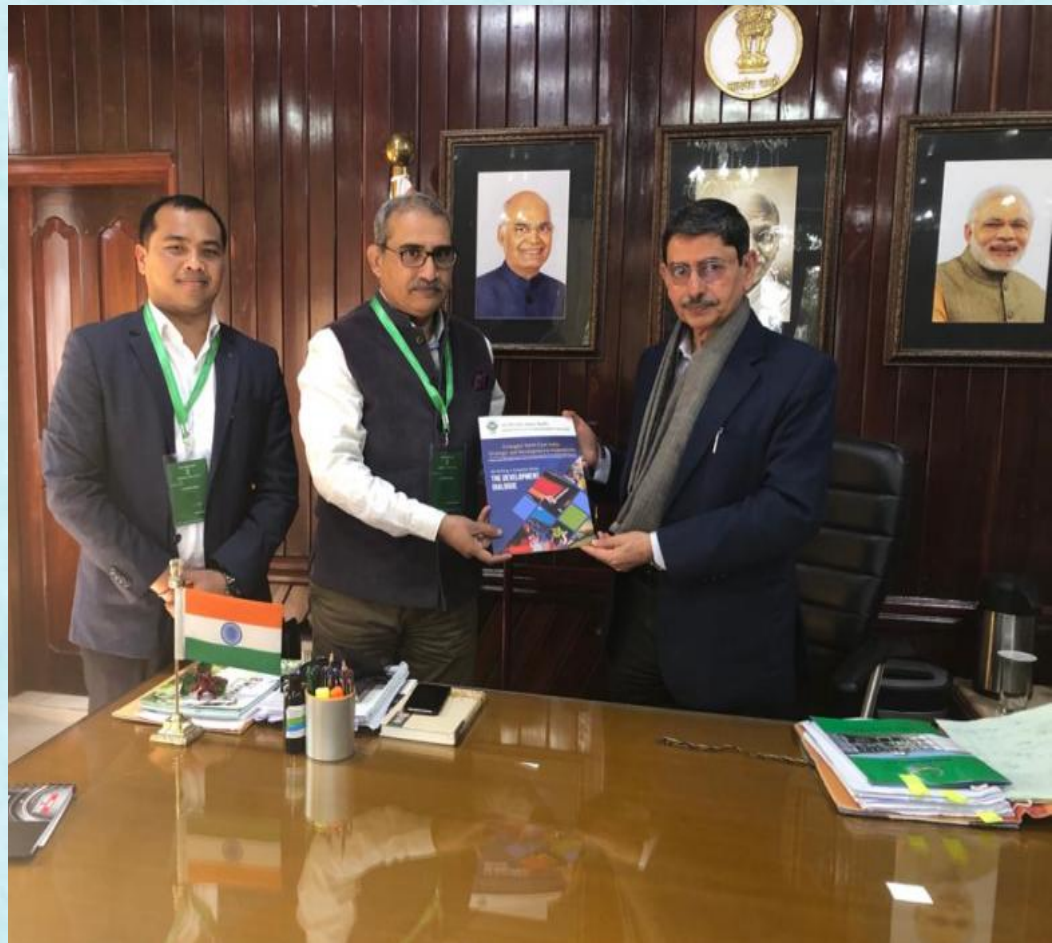
Centre Coordinator visited Itanagar on 10th February 2021 to have a detailed discussion on the possibility of collaboration with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh. It was planned to work on the potential areas of engagement like capacity building program for the officers of Arunachal Pradesh, incubating young startups from the states, prepare vision document and working model for tourism development, Bamboo Mission and horticulture development of the state.

Engagement with Government of Nagaland



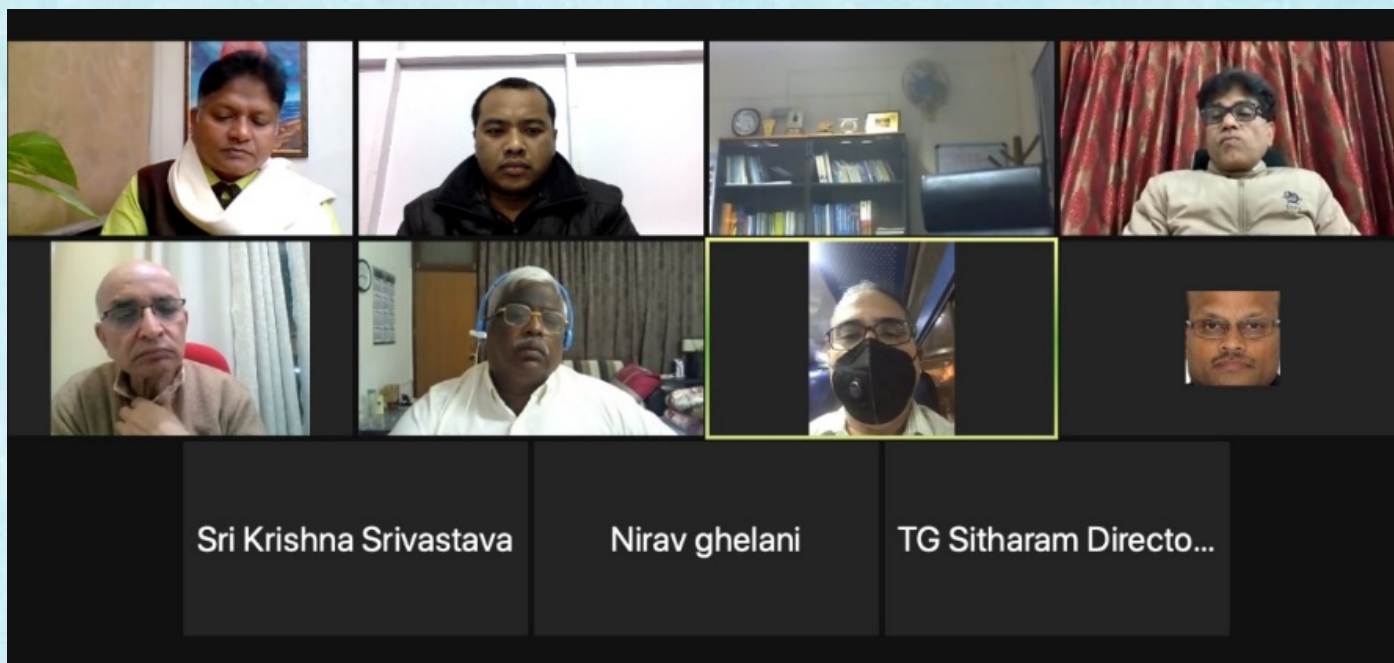
Shri. Atul Kulkarni, BOG Member, IIM Shillong and the Centre Coordinator visited Kohima on 12th February 2021 for a meeting with Mr. Chiden Yaden, Director, Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of Nagaland. It was discussed that the Centre will assist in developing existing Industrial training institutes (ITIs) of Nagaland to new age Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) under Sankalp Project of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India.

Shri Atul Kulkarni, BoG IIM Shillong and Dr Sanjeev Ningombam, Centre Coordinator, visited His Excellency, Governor of Nagaland, Shri R N Ravi, on 13th February 2021 and briefed him about various initiatives of the Centre. The delegation seeks his advice on how the Centre can play a crucial role in contributing to the development of the NER. A copy of the report 'Development Dialogue' was submitted to His Excellency.



INITIATIVES

National Education Policy 2020 implementation in NER



The Centre has organised an online meeting with various senior and eminent academicians of NER to consult and develop strategies for implementing NEP 2020 in the NER on 5th February 2021. The meeting was attended by Prof M.K Sridhar, Member, UGC and Member, drafting committee, NEP 2020, Dr Kiran Hazarika, member, UGC, Prof T.G. Sitharam, Director, IIT Guwahati,

Prof. S.K.Srivastava, Vice-Chancellor, North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Prof K.R.S Sambasiva Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Mizoram University, Prof Ganga Prasad Prasain, Vice-Chancellor, Tripura University, Shri Atul Kulkarni, BoG, IIM Shillong, Prof. D.P. Goyal, Director IIM Shillong, Dr Sanjeev Ningombam, Centre Coordinator.



Shri Atul Kulkarni, BoG, IIM Shillong and Centre Coordinator with Shri Temjenlmna, Hon'ble Education Minister of Nagaland

Shri Atul Kulkarni, BoG member, IIM Shillong and Dr Sanjeev Ningombam, Centre Coordinator met Shri Temjenlmna, Hon'ble Education Minister of Nagaland and highlighted the initiatives taken up by the Centre in facilitating NEP 2020 implementation at NER. The delegation sought his suggestion and support in developing a strategy and support ecosystem in strengthening the exercise of NEP 2020 implementation in NER.



Centre Coordinator with Prof. Mahendra

The Centre Coordinator, met Prof. Mahendra, Chairman, Council of Higher Secondary Education, Government of Manipur and member, NEP 2020 Task Force on 15th February 2021. They discussed different implementation strategies for implementing NEP 2020 in North East Region.

North East Dialogue

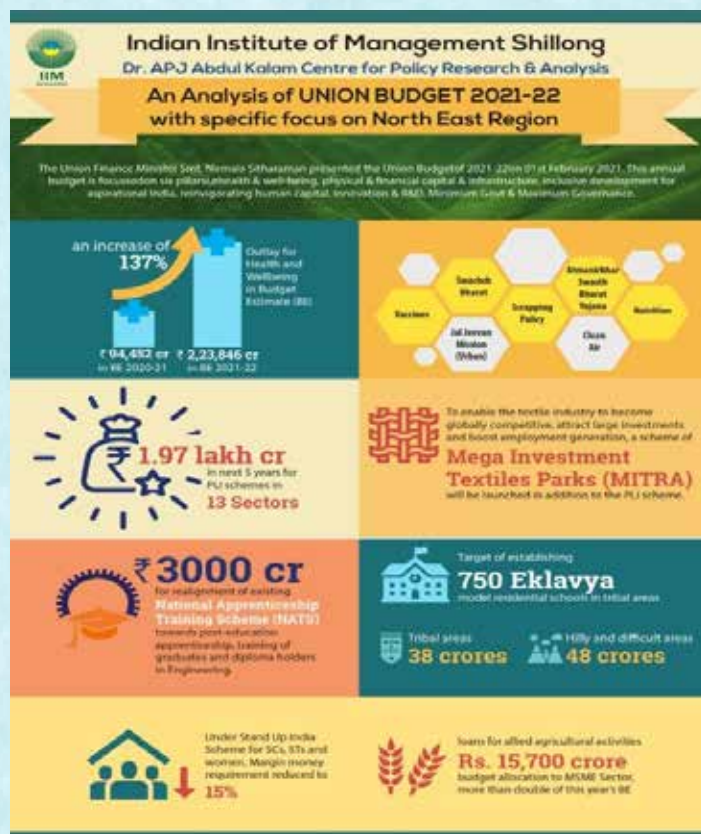
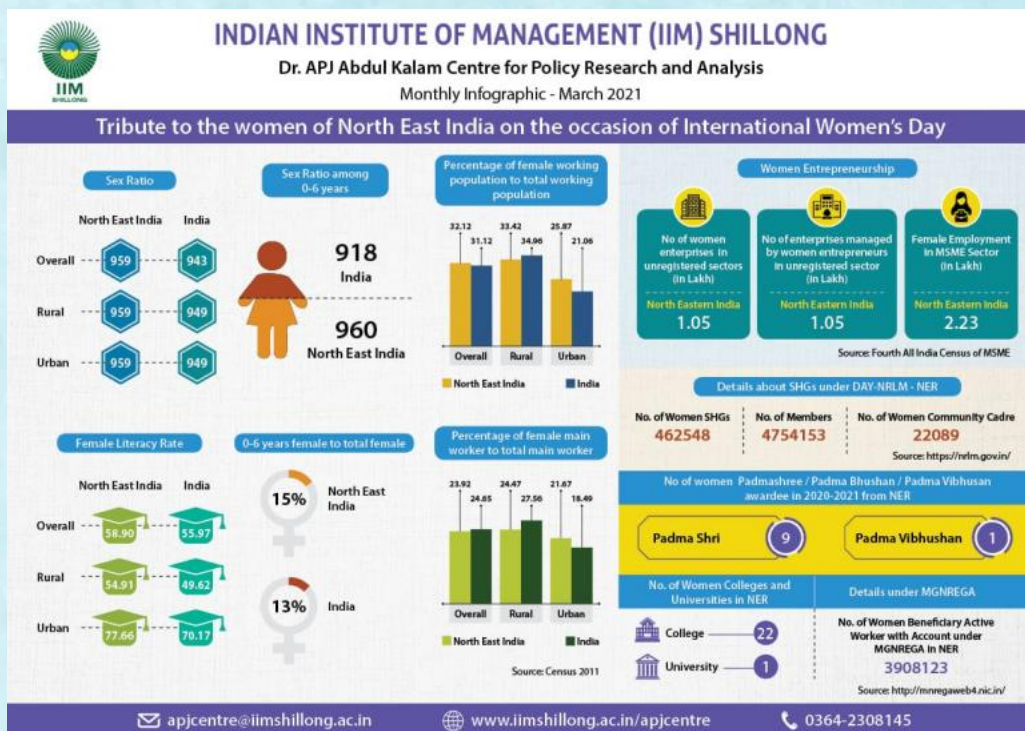


Prof DP Goyal, Director, IIM Shillong presenting memento to Shri. C. Rajasekhar, IFS, OSD (States Division), MEA, GoI

Shri. C. Rajasekhar, IFS, OSD (States Division), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, visited the centre on 21st March 2021. A discussion was held between him, Director IIM Shillong and the Centre Coordinator. Discussion was held on the varied areas of collaboration, knowledge transfer, academic engagement and mainly in organising a “North East Dialogue” at IIM Shillong jointly with the Ministry.

Monthly Infographic

The Centre has initiated the idea of highlighting the key and persisting news pertaining to NER of the month through a pictorial presentation via infographic. The first infographic was released in the month of February 2021 that featured a brief analysis on Union budget wrt. NER. The March month infographic featured the achievements of women in NER. The focus on women was planned as a tribute to the women of NER on the occasion of International Women's Day.



GOVERNING BODY MEETING



4 Governing Body of the Centre

The fourth Governing Body Meeting of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis was convened on 22nd March 2021 at IIM Shillong at Umsawli. The meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Shri K Moses Chalai, Secretary, NEC, Shillong and Chairman, BoG, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis. The meeting was also attended by

Sri D.P. Wahlang, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, on behalf of Chief Secretary to Government of Meghalaya, Prof D.P. Goyal, Director, IIM Shillong and Dr Sanjeev Ningombam, Centre Coordinator. Shri Gopal Chetri, Adviser (Irrigation, Flood Control & Water Management) & I/c Director (HRD&E) as a special invitee.

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