

Winter..  
..is here.

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## FACULTY DESK

### Being Digital is the need of the Hour

We are at the end of another academic year and again it is time to bid farewell to our academic batches of PGP and PGPEX. This is not an unusual occurrence, but the nature of these batches are very different from all other batches passed out from our institute previously. Our students of these batches were forced to attend the classes online from their homes quite far from the institute due to pandemic. We missed interacting with a bunch of talented brain of our country, which is so much essential for growth of both teachers and students.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created the largest disruption of education systems in history affecting all of us. There is a paradigm shift in the way educators deliver quality education—through various online platforms. The online learning, distance and continuing education have become a panacea for this unprecedented global pandemic, despite the challenges posed to both educators and the learners. Transitioning from traditional face-to-face learning to online learning was a big challenge for teachers and educators equally, which had to be adopted with little or no available alternatives. It created lots of in-convenience for our students in remote corner of the country with un-reliable internet connection. Despite the constraints, the students passed out with flying colours and the campus placement was impressive. Our permanent campus looked empty without students most of times, but they made their presence felt through online participation in all the important functions like Republic Day, Independence Day etc.

One of the benefits of the pandemic is widespread use of technology, which makes communication easier than before to make the world a better connected one. Please stay connected after your farewell from the campus, but not from our heart and mind. Our teacher and student relationship cannot be broken with the award of degrees as we share a lifelong relationship. Hope you will make the institute proud with your achievement in the real world, which will make us proud teachers.

Wishing you all the best for your entire life.

**Dr. Debasisha Mishra**  
Assistant Professor

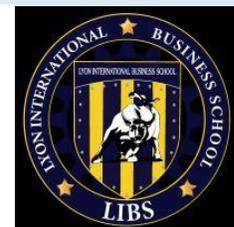


## TIMELINE

### IIM Shillong signed MOU with Lyon International Business School (LIBS)

In accordance with a mutual desire to enhance the intellectual and experiential resources of two great and reputed institutions, Indian Institute of Management Shillong and Lyon International Business School (LIBS) signed MoU on 19th January, 2022. The Libs House is the graphic representation of the continuous improvement approach in which the Lyon Business School is part. Inspired by Toyotism, the continuous improvement approach is at the heart of their concerns. The Lyon Business School has in fact set the quality of service to the student as its main priority. Both the institutions voluntarily join this agreement on cultural and educational cooperation by establishing a cooperative relationship. The area of cooperation are as follows.

- Exchange of faculty members
- Exchange of students
- Joint research programs and exchange of academic information
- Joint cultural programs
- Joint conferences and workshops



## ABOUT NUKSA

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This hour gives us a feeling of loving yourself, it gives an idea that for falling in love there is no other requirement of two souls or the two physical bodies.

At the start of this year one of my batch mate told me to fall in love with yourself only, be kind to yourself only, be lovely to yourself only, always give a healing touch to yourself and it doesn't mean that you don't have to care for others. She told, "You know an alone human being is the most beautiful creature on this planet."

I thought, what is she trying to say?? In this way I will become selfish!!! Being alone How can anyone be beautiful!!!

After a huge brain storming session, I came to ask so many questions to myself??

Have you seen the alone moon in between infinite stars??

Have you seen the only cactus tree in the mid of a desert??

Have you seen the alone river flowing through mountains and the forests??

Don't they look beautiful!!!

Yeah, they look beautiful but being alone how can I be beautiful!? Answer of this question is still confusing!!!

**Anurag Pandey.**  
MBA (WE) 21

ODE

पथिक

तीसरा मोड़

पथिक को रास्ते पर एक दिन एक अद्भुत नज़ारा दिखा-  
बुद्ध और मोहमद बातों में व्यस्त हैं;

मोहमद बुद्ध को कहते हैं - हमारी रुह ही वो नूर हैं, वो संघ हैं,  
जो इस दुनिया को खुदा से जोड़ती हैं, तो फिर आप जिस्मानी संघ  
के बारे में क्यों कहते हो?

ये सुनके बुद्ध ने कहा - हमारी रुह में बसे प्रेम ही हमें मोक्ष की  
और ले जाते हैं।

जब रुह ही दुनिया को खुदा से जोड़ती हैं, तो फिर काफ़िर और  
जिहाद क्यों?

ये सुनके ना जाने कहां से कैसे पथिक के पलछिन पे एक मुस्कान  
सी झलक गई।

वह पल भर ठहरे, और चल दिये,  
जिसे देख बुद्ध और मोहमद गले लग गये,  
और पथिक के रास्ते आसान होते गये॥

**Achinta Kumar Sarmah**  
Assistant Professor, IIM Shillong

The Best Teacher Ever!!

We try, we make mistakes, we fail, we learn, and we grow. This is the cycle of life. Best lessons are taught not in classrooms but in the real battlefield of life. And here's a poem dedicated to this sometimes harsh, sometimes sweet teacher whom we can embrace or hate but can definitely not escape

She's a mentor—subtle yet stern  
And her classes cannot be skipped  
There are no breaks, no vacations entertained  
Students are equally rewarded and whipped  
In the classroom of world  
On the board of time,  
With chalk of destiny  
She scribbles lessons filled with wisdom sublime  
She commands with ruler of pain  
Misfortunes are her lessons most dear  
She tests frequently; all of them surprise  
Handing out question paper filled with twists and tears

She reads nothing yet teaches everything  
Lessons are time consuming, hard to understand  
But there's no concept of failure or merit  
They are to be continued till the end  
All the chapters are scheduled perfectly  
None can be taught either later or before  
The strange sequence is to be followed  
Compromising highs and downs galore

There will be assignments of responsibility  
Team projects of maintaining relations complex  
Over the journey many answers will be revealed  
Yet some puzzles will leave mind forever perplex  
Hardly any subject will be left untaught  
She ensures no curiosity remains unquenched  
There'll be apex of blessings and smiles  
And also nadir of losses and regrets

Her sense of humor is peculiar  
She tests mettle by creating situations tense  
She punishes severely when mistaken  
Upon penance she kindly awards another chance  
Though I might never adore her  
For we are interlocked in a perpetual strife  
But I do respect her teachings  
None teaches lessons better than this mysterious LIFE.

**Divyaraj Chandwaskar**  
2020PGP202

## CONGRATULATORY NOTE

Congratulations!



# BATCH OF '22

FOR A SUCCESSFUL FINAL PLACEMENT SEASON

PGP20 Signed Out



Inside IIM's Best 50 – Most Employable Graduates of the Class of 2022:

CONGRATULATIONS!



Arzoo Kamrah



Soham Chaudhuri

for being featured in



InsidellM's  
**BEST  
50**

InsidellM.com

**MOST EMPLOYABLE  
GRADUATES OF THE  
CLASS OF 2022**

In January, InsidellM published its 'Best 50' list for the class of 2022, where 2 Students from IIM Shillong were awarded with a spot on the list. To curate this list, InsidellM floated a survey across various B-schools in the country. Through the survey, the students were asked to share different aspects about themselves such as their most selfless acts, their most debilitating experiences, how they handled conflicts, what do they excel at, how they would spend a corpus of 10 Mn USD, etc. Based on the responses provided by

the students, 50 students were awarded with the title of being among the 50 most employable graduates from the class of 2022.

The participants from IIM Shillong were:

Arzoo Kamrah and Soham Chaudhuri

**Second runners-up – Google Case Challenge:**

CONGRATULATIONS!



TEAM HUSTLERS



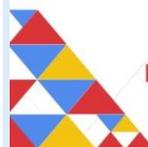
Divya Premchandani



Dattatreya Darshan Singh



Sundram Bajaj



**NATIONAL WINNERS  
2nd RUNNERS UP**

**Google  
CASE CHALLENGE**

Google Case Challenge is a case study competition organized by Google for students of some of the premier business institutes in India. This challenge involves a four-stage competition which starts with an online assessment for its first round, followed by a case study round, further followed by a cohort round which dives deeper into the solution presented in the case study round, and finally culminating in the national finals. The challenge focuses on finding solutions for issues faced by teams at Google and provides the finalists an opportunity to work closely with Google mentors and to understand Google's ecosystem better. IIM Shillong's 'Team Hustlers' was declared the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-up in Google Case Challenge 2021.

The participants from IIM Shillong were:

Team Hustlers: Divya Premchandani, Dattatreya Darshan Singh, and Sundram Bajaj.

**National Finalist – Reliance TUP 7.0:**

Reliance TUP (The Ultimate Pitch) is a prestigious annual competition organized by Reliance to provide a platform for B-school students of India to pitch their innovative ideas to the leadership at Reliance. The competition is designed to celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit of its participants and to provide participants with the right guidance to enable them to take their ideas forward. IIM Shillong's Team 'Abhishek Anshu Das' was among the national finalists of Reliance TUP 7.0.

The participants from IIM Shillong were:

Abhishek Anshu Das, Kunal Jain, Ritesh Baghole and Yagnesh Sonara.

