



'Adversity always presents opportunities for introspection'
- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

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News and Events

MoU between IIM Shillong and the Government of Nagaland

The Government of Nagaland, represented by the Department of Higher & Technical Education (DH&TE), and IIM Shillong, represented by the Dr. Kalam Centre, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 1st July 2023 at the Nagaland Guest House in New Delhi. The MoU was signed by the Director of DH & TE and Director, IIM Shillong in the august presence of Shri Temjen Imna Along, Minister for Tourism & Higher Education, Nagaland; Shri Nchumbemo Lotha, Secretary Tourism; Shri Sentiyanger, Addl. Secretary Higher & Technical Education; Dr. Nshoga Rengma, Director, Higher Education; Shri Atul Kulkarni and Shri Nitin Sharma, Member BoG and Dr. Sanjeev K Ningombam, Centre Coordinator, Dr. Kalam Centre.

Under the terms of the MoU, IIM Shillong will serve as a 'Knowledge Partner' in bringing about positive changes in skilling, capacity building, and the implementation of Nagaland's New Education Policy (NEP). It will offer extensive assistance in research, policy development, analysis, impact studies, and identifying and recommending appropriate interventions. The institute will serve as an "in-house" consultant for the Government of Nagaland, providing expertise in project development and policy formulation.





Interaction with Community leaders of Khasi & Jaintia Hills

As part of the initiative of reaching out to the communities and leaders, the centre organised an interaction and consultation meeting with the representatives of Kaa Synjuk Ki Nongsynhar Shnong Ka Bri U Hynniewtrep (A Federation of Traditional Village Leaders of Khasi and Jantia Hills, Meghalaya) on the 11th of July 2023. A delegation of members of the Executive Council led by Bah R.L Blah, General Secretary of the federation attended the meeting. Prof. DP Goyal, Director, IIM Shillong highlighted major interventions and initiatives taken by the institute for the development of the North Eastern Region. He discussed the various collaborations and industry partnerships that IIM Shillong has formed in order to foster entrepreneurship and job creation in the region. There was also discussion about the need for more awareness, mentoring, training, better infrastructure, and support for start-ups in NER. The meeting was also attended by Kong Patricia Mukhim, Editor Shillong Time; Dr. E. Kharkongor, Principal, Shillong College; Chief Administrative Officer, faculty and officers of IIM Shillong. The attendees also discussed strategies to work on for various initiatives such as career counselling, vocational training, CAT coaching, community immersion program, skilling, sustainability and many others.





Dr. Kalam Memorial Lecture

In its commitment to preserve and promote the enduring legacy of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Dr. Kalam Centre with the entire fraternity of IIM Shillong paid heartfelt homage to the late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam on 27th July 2023, marking the 8th Death Anniversary of our Former President of India. For his remarkable contribution to science, education and national development, IIM Shillong started the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Lecture, an annual event that seeks to inspire and educate individuals about Dr. Kalam's visionary ideas for a better future.



As a part of the 2023 Memorial Lecture, Dr. Vasudev K Aatre, a former Scientific Advisor to Raksha Mantri, former Director General DRDO, and Secretary of the Department of Defence R&D, delivered a virtual dialogue and fondly interacted with the students, faculty, officers, and staff of IIM Shillong. Dr Aatre's speech focused on the evolution of scientific and technological philosophy from ancient civilizations like the Greeks and Mesopotamians to the modern era of artificial intelligence (AI). Furthermore, he emphasized on the role of management in science and technology, and has urged the youth to lead the nation with fairness and justice, envisioning a self-sufficient and self-reliant Indian economy.





Two days Symposium on Community Based Tourism

A Two-Day Symposium on 'Community-Based Tourism in North East India' was organized by Dr. Kalam Centre, IIM Shillong in collaboration with North Eastern Council on the 10th & 11th of August 2023. The symposium was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, Government of Nagaland, Shri Temjen Imna Along ji in the presence of Shri Gaigongdin Panmei, IRS, North Eastern Council (NEC) Shillong; Shri Atul Kulkarni, Board of Governor, IIM Shillong, and Prof. D P Goyal, Director of IIM Shillong. Dr. Sanjeev K Ningombam, Centre Coordinator of Dr. Kalam Centre commenced the program with introduction to Community-Based Tourism (CBT) and the need for a CBT Model in the North Eastern Region.

In his address, Gaigongdin Panmei stressed on the call for a common tourism policy, with emphasis to develop a matrix for circuits across all eight states of the North East India. He also points out the need of a common registration process for tourists traveling to Northeast.

Shri Temjen Imna Along ji highlighted the importance of experiential tourism at the community level, as tourism cannot function in a standalone manner. He also emphasised on developing linkages for seamless tourism experience and promotion of multi-ethnic cultural relations. The inaugural session was followed by technical sessions on both days with different themes like CBT tourism in the Northeastern region, role of government in developing tourism ecosystem, best practices, exploring business opportunities and many more. The symposium ended with the Hon'ble Tourism Minister of Meghalaya, Shri Paul Lyngdoh addressing the valedictory session. He stated that Cherrapunji had always been the ideal illustration of Community-Based Tourism and emphasised on developing a guided itinerary connecting all the various tourist destinations of the entire northeast.





Orientation Program for faculty members of Pragjyotishpur University

Dr. Kalam Centre organised a five-day Orientation Program, starting from 21st -25th August 2023, for the newly recruited faculty members of Pragjyotishpur University, Guwahati. Pragjyotishpur University, established in Guwahati under the Assam State Private Universities Act, aims to continue Assam's rich legacy with modern courses, focusing on value, spirituality, nationalism, and innovation while adhering to the New Education Policy Model. The training sessions focused on transforming NEP ideas, introducing multidisciplinary education, using ICT in teaching and learning, pedagogy, developing courses and content, enriching research experiences, introducing the Indian Knowledge System, research, innovation, etc. Domain experts from IIM Shillong and other prestigious institutions guided the participants with their extensive experience.





Interaction with Homestay Promoters of Kigwema & Kisama Village of Nagaland

Prof. DP Goyal, Director of IIM Shillong, and Dr. Sanjeev K Ningombam, Centre Coordinator, Dr. Kalam Centre, IIM Shillong, interacted with the homestay promoters of Kigwema & Kisama Village, Nagaland, on September 3rd, 2023. Well-known for the Hornbill Festival, these two villages accommodate approximately forty homestays. The interaction was centred on understanding the business ecosystem of the village, and potential inhibitors. Prof. Goyal shared his wisdom on developing business ideas and extended support for strengthening business and expansion. The interaction was attended by entrepreneurs and owners of homestays such as Ms. Nino Zhasa, Ms. Vikhono, Mr. Zakievilie and Mr. Rokozelie.



Meeting with the Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland Shri La. Ganeshan

As a courtesy visit, team from IIM Shillong comprising of Shri Atul Kulkarni, BoG Member, IIM Shillong; Prof. DP Goyal, Director, IIM Shillong and Dr. Sanjeev K Ningombam, Centre Coordinator of Dr. Kalam Centre, IIM Shillong, met the Hon'ble Governor of Nagaland Shri La. Ganeshan on 4th September 2023. The team briefed the Governor about the agreement between IIM Shillong & the Government of Nagaland; initiatives taken on NEP 2020 implementation plans for developing ecosystem and to seek his guidance for strengthening collaboration between IIMS and Nagaland Government.



Meeting with the officials of Department of Education, Government of Nagaland

As a follow up to the MoU signed with the Government of Nagaland, meeting with the Director and other officials of Department of Education was scheduled at Kohima on 4th September 2023. Team from IIM Shillong including Shri Atul Kulkarni, Member BoG, IIM Shillong; Prof. D P Goyal, Director IIM Shillong & Dr. Sanjeev K Ningombam, Centre Coordinator of Dr. Kalam Centre, IIM Shillong attended the meeting. Implementation of the NEP 2020, capacity building and ideation programs for stakeholders, training on the Institutional Development Plan, and numerous other topics were discussed.



Certificate Program on Project Management in Development Sector in collaboration with IIE Guwahati

On 14th September 2023, the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Shillong and the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) Guwahati, has jointly launched a special learning program named, Certificate Programme in Project Management in Development Sector (CPMDS). The event was attended by dignitaries, including Dr. Lalit Sharma, Director, IIE; Dr. Sanjeev K Ningombam, Centre Coordinator of Dr. Kalam Centre, IIM Shillong; Dr. Santanu Mohan Deka, Associate Faculty Member, IIE Guwahati; Dr. Bhaskar K Kakoti, Consultant & Course Coordinator, IIE Guwahati; staffs and other officials.

CPMDS is a revolutionary six-month certificate program designed to integrate theoretical knowledge with hands-on experience. It aims to empower participants with a holistic understanding of project management in the development sector, making them adept at tackling real-world challenges. During the press release, it was announced that the course will commence from 1st week of November 2023 at IIE Guwahati campus. As a part of the course students will be hosted at IIM Shillong campus for a week immersive learning experience.



Implementation of Functional Hindi course

In light of the ongoing initiative "Implementation of Functional Hindi Course in Professional Colleges of NER" under Dr. Kalam Centre, IIM Shillong, Ms. Boishali Gogoi & Ms. Darilin Tang, Project Coordinator visited number of education institutes namely, Jogananda Deva Satradhikar Goswami (JDSG) College, Bokakhat; The Institute of Hotel Management, Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition, Guwahati; Girijananda Chowdhury University, Azara, Guwahati; The Assam Kaziranga University, Jorhat; Guwahati Commerce College, Guwahati; Synod College, Shillong; Mawlai Presbyterian College; Nabon Women College, Shillong; and many others. During their visit, they interacted with the College Principals and Head of Department of the Institutions







Snapshots of events



'Functional Hindi Course' at JDSG College, Bokakhat, Assam



Courtesy visit to Dr. Lalit Sharma, Director, IIE Guwahati



Courtesy visit to Dr. Lalit Sharma, Director, IIE Guwahati



Functional Hindi Coursed at Synod College, Shillong, Meghalaya

Policy Briefs- Millet Mission in NER

- 2023 has been declared as International Millet Year by the United Nations
- Theme: Healthy Millets, Healthy People
- Millet Day on 9th January 2023



Arunachal Pradesh

Initiatives

- Two-day State Level Millet Mela organized
- 500 farmers from across the state participated

State Agencies

 Arunachal Pradesh Agriculture Marketing Board (APAMB)



Initiatives

- Currently functional: 23 Millet DPR Projects in 23 Districts
- Beneficiaries; 1150 farmers in 23 Districts

State Agencies

- Regional Agricultural Research Station, Assam Agricultural University
- Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board (ASAMB)
- North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC)



Manipur

State Agencies

• Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA)



Meghalaya

Initiatives

• Eat Right Millet Mela organised by Commissionerate of Food Safety, Health and Family Welfare Dept., Govt. of Meghalaya on 28th and 29th March 2023



State Agencies

• Mission Organic Mizoram (MOM)



Nagaland

Initiatives

• 200 millet farmers participated in millet festival organised by Millet Sisters, New Phor village in collaboration with North East Network (NEN) and Millet Network of India

State Agencies

 Nagaland State Agriculture Marketing Board (NSAMB)



Initiatives

- Poshan Pakhwada, 2023 themed 'Millets for Nutritional Well-beings' under Namchi District Women and Child Development Department was held in Namchi, Sikkim
- Discussions on anaemia screening for children and awareness of Millet's benefits for children and lactating women as part of the Poshan Pakhwada celebration, highlights on various advantages of millet and its recipes that can be made out of by the AWW at ICDS centres, etc.
- Awareness on nutrition through Jan Andolan and Jan Bhagidari

State Agencies

- Govt. Fruit Preservation Factory (GFPF), Gangtok
- Sikkim State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Ltd (SIMFED)
- Sikkim Organic Farming Development Agency (SOFDA)



Tripura

Initiatives

- Regional Advisory Group for farmers constituted by NABARD as a forum for stakeholders was organized with the theme "Enhancing Millet Cultivation in Tripura" on 22nd March 2023 to develop a roadmap for promotion of millet cultivation in Tripura.
- An awareness programme on Millet Cultivation in Tripura was conducted on 9th January 2023 in association with College of Agriculture to sensitize farmers about Millet cultivation

State Agencies

• Directorate of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of Tripura



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