



‘The bird is powered by its own life and by its motivation’
- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

Message from the Director

Dear Readers,

Happy New Year! As we begin a new year and a new chapter, let us try to keep humility as an armour against anger, pride and jealousy. Let us take a moment to reflect on our initiatives taken in the last year and introspect on the impulse and impact it has created. Our activity should be planned keeping the larger goal and bigger meaning of life that is to create value and making an impact. My best wishes to Dr. Kalam Centre for all their future endeavours and hope you would enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter!

Prof. D P Goyal
Director, IIM Shillong

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Interaction with officials of Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)

Dr. Kalam Centre had hosted a team of senior officials of MSME at IIM Shillong for an Interaction programme with the faculty members and students on 12th October 2022. The officials of MSME during the interaction highlighted the innovative schemes introduced by MSME to strengthen MSME ecosystem. The primary objective is to promote and support untapped creativity and help in adopting the latest technologies and methods in the MSME sector. The schemes are combination of Incubation, Design intervention and IPR protection initiatives to enhance MSME competitiveness and transform them as National and International Champions. Students of IIM Shillong presented their business ideas and their vision to transform their ideas into an action. Prof. Achinta Kr. Sarmah and Mr. Hemango Dutta shared their experiences on dealing with MSME in the North Eastern Region. The session was presided by Dr. Sanjeev Ningombam, Centre Coordinator of Dr. Kalam Centre.





Management Development Programme on Project Management and Leadership for Assam Civil Service Officers

In its endeavour to facilitate the administrative officers and institutional head in furthering their skill and efficiency, series of leadership training programmes have been conducted. One such customised Management Development Programme (MDP) was organised for the Assam Civil Service Officers on 4th of November 2022 at IIM Shillong. The MDP was tailored to address the Leadership Skills and Project Management.





Interaction with Amb Mahesh Sachdev on “Global Oil and Gas Economy: Challenges for India”

On the 6th of December 2022, Dr. Kalam Centre organized an Interaction session on the topic “Global Oil and Gas Economy: Challenges for India” at IIM Shillong Auditorium. Ambassador Mahesh Sachdev, President, Eco-Diplomacy & Strategies, Delhi was the speaker for the session. The sessions were attended by the faculty members and PhD Scholars of the Institute. The discussion during the session revolved around the current scenario in Global Oil & Gas Economy, oil production-consumption and oil reserves. The lucid presentation by Ambassador Sachdev also threw light on the disruptors like peak oil, sanctions on Venezuela, Arab-US tensions and impact on the oil economy, producer instability and alternative sources of energy. Furthermore, he also highlighted the world’s dependence on Oil & Gas at least till 2035 and mentioned about the US Shale Gas: The rise and fall of a game changer. The session addressed India’s energy challenges as Oil consumer and importer. He also added that India’s demand would be the biggest driver of Global Energy till 2035.





10th International Tourism Mart (ITM), Aizawl, Mizoram

With the aim to highlight the tourism potential and bringing together the tourism business fraternity & entrepreneurs of the Northeast region, a Three-Day mega tourism event was organised jointly by the Union Tourism Ministry and Mizoram Tourism Department. The event facilitated interactions between buyers, sellers, government agencies and other such stakeholders with the primary focus on “priorities of G20 for tourism track”.

Union Culture and Tourism Minister G. Kishan Reddy, who also holds the portfolio of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) inaugurated the International Tourism Mart (ITM) in Aizawl. Dr. Sanjeev K Ningombam, Centre Coordinator participated in the Panel discussion “Investment Opportunities in Tourism sector for NER”. He spoke on the tourism prospects and potentials of the region and various ongoing schemes/ policies provided by the State and the Centre. He highlighted on the initiatives taken by Dr. Kalam Centre towards furthering a seamless tourist movement experience in the NER.



Participation in Youth Leaders Connect Conclave organized by North East Leaders Connect (NELC)

The 8th edition of North East Leaders Connect (NELC) Young Leaders Connect Conclave was held at Imphal on the theme “North East India 2030: Towards India’s Innovative and Sustainable Growth”. The conclave unified young change makers and leaders from the region to share their ideas and experiences; in order to visualize where they would like to see North East vis-a-vis India in the future, plan a roadmap, and strategize on interventions at the grassroots and policy level.

Dr. Kalam Centre, IIM Shillong as a Knowledge Partner of the event attended the deliberation. The event focussed on enhancing economic potentials of NER in line with the Act East Policy and Northeast in the emerging and growing East Asian market and border trade with the regions. Addressing a technical session, Shri Pema Khandu ji, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh emphasized on empowering officers and administrators of the state. As an initiative, he appreciated the efforts of Dr. Kalam Centre, IIM Shillong in establishing a Satellite Centre in Tawang and to train administrative officers in Project Management, Good Governance and leadership. He also congratulated IIM Shillong for its contribution towards being the knowledge partner in administrative reforms for the government.

Apart from various invigorating sessions and discussions, the event witnessed the launch of Project NEW (NER Entrepreneurs’ World) and facilitation of young achievers from across various fields in the Northeast region.



Interaction with Joint Secretary, Ministry of DoNER

Shri. Angshuman Dey, Joint Secretary, Ministry of DoNER visited Dr. Kalam Centre and had a brief discussion with the research team and Centre Coordinator regarding the ongoing initiatives and activities under its purview. Later, he also had a meeting with Prof D.P Goyal, Director of IIM Shillong and discussed on future plans and initiatives of the Centre.



Implementation of Functional Hindi course

Under the initiative of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, “Implementation of Functional Hindi Course in Professional Colleges of NER” was launched with the aim to bring a systematic change in the approach and mindset of students of NER towards learning Hindi. As stakeholders, North Eastern Council (NEC) in collaboration with Dr. Kalam Centre, IIM Shillong launched a short duration training course for the students of 50 Professional Colleges of NER to enable students to take the maximum opportunity to the rest of India. In light of this initiative, Dr. Rituparna Hazarika, Research Associate and Ms. Boishali Gogoi, Research Assistant of Kalam Centre, visited Tripura University, College of Fisheries, Agartala, College of Agriculture, Agartala, Women’s Polytechnic Tripura, Tripura Institute of Technology, Tripura Institute of Paramedical Sciences, Tripura Institute of Pharmaceutical Science, MBB University, Tripura Law College, Assam University, Silchar Medical College, Institute of Medical and Paramedical Sciences, Silchar. During their visit, the team interacted with the Vice Chancellors, Directors of Universities, College Principals of Institutions at Agartala and Silchar.



Interaction with Officials of Department of Handloom & Handicrafts, Government of Tripura

Dr. Kalam Centre has been engaged to provide strategic policy support for the development of economic verticals of NER. Handloom and Handicraft are among the important verticals that the Centre has consciously and extensively dealing with for the past few years. As a research exercise and engaging with the stakeholders, Ms. Boishali Gogoi, Research Assistant interacted with senior officers of various concerned departments at Agartala. As a part of the study, she interacted with officers from the MSME-Development Institute, Development Commissioner (Handloom) and DIC, Agartala.



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