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“If four things are followed – having a great aim, acquiring knowledge, hard work, and perseverance – then anything can be achieved.”

- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

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News and Events

Exposure Visit for the students of Patkai Christian College, Nagaland

Twenty students from Patkai Christian College, Dimapur, were hosted by the Dr. Kalam Centre on October 6, 2023, as part of their exposure visit to IIM Shillong. These visiting students were briefed about the operations of IIM Shillong during a campus tour. The institute's Post Graduate Programme (PGP) students gave a brief overview of life at IIM Shillong and the process of enrolling in any IIM through Combined Admission Test (CAT). Additionally, they were given insights into the various academic programs, extracurricular activities, and industry collaborations that make IIM Shillong a much-sought destination in the field of management education.



Two-days Training Program on Selection and Management of Consultants for the World Bank funded projects

Two-days Training Program on 'Selection and Management of Consultants for the World Bank funded projects' were organized by Dr. Kalam Centre, with the technical support by the World Bank. The program was held on 19th & 20th October 2023 with the objective to enhance the efficiency of implementing agencies in navigating the essential procedures of selecting and managing consultants for projects financed by the World Bank. The Director of IIM Shillong,

Prof. D P Goyal, stressed the value of training in his inauguration speech. He reflected on the institution's incredible fifteen-year journey and went into further detail on the institute's commitment to Northeast development.

The training witnessed 38 participants from 13 departments and agencies from the NER working under World Bank funded projects. Dr. BS Chetty, Ms. Geeta Shivdasani and Mr. Sreenivas Devarakonda were among the resource persons from World Bank that led sessions during the training programme.



Launch of 'Coffee table Book on 75 Young Entrepreneurs of NER'

The Coffee Table Book on 75 Young Entrepreneurs of NER was released on November 2, 2023, by Shri Chanchal Kumar, Secretary, MDoNER, Government of India. The coffee table book is an initiative of the Dr. Kalam Centre, IIM Shillong, to celebrate the young entrepreneurial spirit of the north-east. The coffee table comes in a moment when the nation is celebrating 75 years of glorious independence. This coffee table is a collection of motivational stories from young people under 40 in the northeastern region who have demonstrated exceptional abilities in turning their business ideas into reality. These entrepreneurs come from various sectors, such as technology, agriculture, fashion, and tourism, showcasing the diverse range of talent in the region. The book also highlights the challenges they have faced and overcome, inspiring others to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams in the north-east. The event was attended by Shri Angshuman Dey, Joint Secretary, MDoNER; Shri Atul Kulkarni, Member of Board of Governors, IIM Shillong; Prof. D P Goyal, Director, IIM Shillong; Dr. Sanjeev K Ningombam, Centre Coordinator, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis, and many others. A few entrepreneurs spoke about their experiences, difficulties, and worries about creating an

entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region. They included Smt. Dasumarlin Majaw of Smoky Falls Tribe Coffee, Meghalaya; Smt. Tage Rita of Naara Aaba, Arunachal Pradesh; Shri Bhaskar Bhuyan of Digibility, Assam; and Smt. Bijayashanti Tongbram of Sanajing Sana Thambal, Manipur.



Leadership Development Program for Assam Civil Service Officers

On November 7, 2023, the Dr. Kalam Centre hosted a one-day leadership development program for Assam Civil Service Officers. During the opening session, Prof. D. P Goyal, Director of IIM Shillong, urged the officers present to adopt a "VIP" mindset, which stands for Very Innovative People's approach, and to assist people. The programme offered a comprehensive curriculum on emotionally intelligent leadership from an Indian perspective, aiming to navigate challenging decision-making in diverse context. The training was attended by 17 ACS officers from various departments under the Government of Assam.





Shri K. N. Damo, Director of the Department of Tourism, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, visited IIM Shillong

On November 22, 2023, Shri K N Damo, Director, Department of Tourism, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, paid a courtesy visit to IIM Shillong. Shri Damo discussed collaborations and training opportunities for District Tourism Officers at IIM Shillong Satellite Centre in Tawang. During the visit, Shri Damo expressed his enthusiasm for the potential partnership between the Department of Tourism and IIM Shillong. He highlighted the importance of providing quality training to District Tourism Officers in order to enhance tourism development in Arunachal Pradesh.



Training Program on Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consultancy services under World Bank Financed Projects

A three-days Training Program on Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consultancy services under World Bank Financed Projects was successfully organized by Dr. Kalam Centre with the

technical support from the World Bank from 7th to 9th December 2023. During the Inaugural session, Dr. Sanjeev K Ningombam, Centre Coordinator, Dr. Kalam Centre, welcomed the participants and emphasized the pivotal role of the training in developing essential skills for effective project management under World Bank financing. Prof. D P Goyal, Director, IIM Shillong, during his inaugural address, highlighted the importance of acquiring new skills and staying updated through continuous learning.

A total of 31 officers/ participants representing 10 departments and implementing agencies engaged in World Bank-funded projects attended the training program. The sessions included procurement strategies for goods, works, and non-consulting services, approved selection methods, market approaches, various contract types, and the utilization of the Model Procurement Document (MPD) for civil works and many others.



The NSRCEL IIM Bangalore team visited IIM Shillong

On December 15, 2023, the NSRCEL management team from IIM Bangalore paid a visit to IIM Shillong. During their visit, they interacted with the Centre Coordinator of Dr. Kalam Centre, the student team, and the faculty mentor of the e-cell at IIM Shillong. They discussed potential collaborations and shared insights on entrepreneurship and innovation. The NSRCEL team also had the opportunity to learn about the unique initiatives and programs being conducted at IIM Shillong, fostering a fruitful exchange of ideas between the two prestigious institutions.



Immersion program on 'Project Management in the Development Sector' as part of the Joint Certificate Course offered by IIM Shillong and IIE Guwahati

A five-day immersion program for students enrolled under the Certificate Program in Project Management in Development Sector (CPMDS) was organised by the Dr. Kalam Centre. The course is jointly offered by IIM Shillong and the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) Guwahati. The immersion programme took place from the 18th to the 22nd of December 2023, and 8 students participated. The faculty of IIM Shillong facilitated sessions on Project Management, Quantitative Techniques in Project Management, Project Report Preparation, Supply Chain Management etc. All participants were assigned to create a Detailed Project Report based on their learning and to give a presentation.



Meeting with representatives from the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary of the Government of Assam

Dr. Jahan Begum, the training officer of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, Government of Assam, visited Dr. Kalam Centre to discuss training opportunities and potential partnerships with IIM Shillong. She emphasised the need for specialised programs to deliver results with efficiency, organisational management, team building, and leadership. Dr. Begum also highlighted the importance of incorporating modern technology and research advancements into the training programs to keep up with the evolving needs of the animal husbandry and veterinary sector. She expressed her eagerness to explore collaborations with IIM Shillong to develop tailor-made courses that address these specific requirements and enhance the skills of professionals in the field.



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