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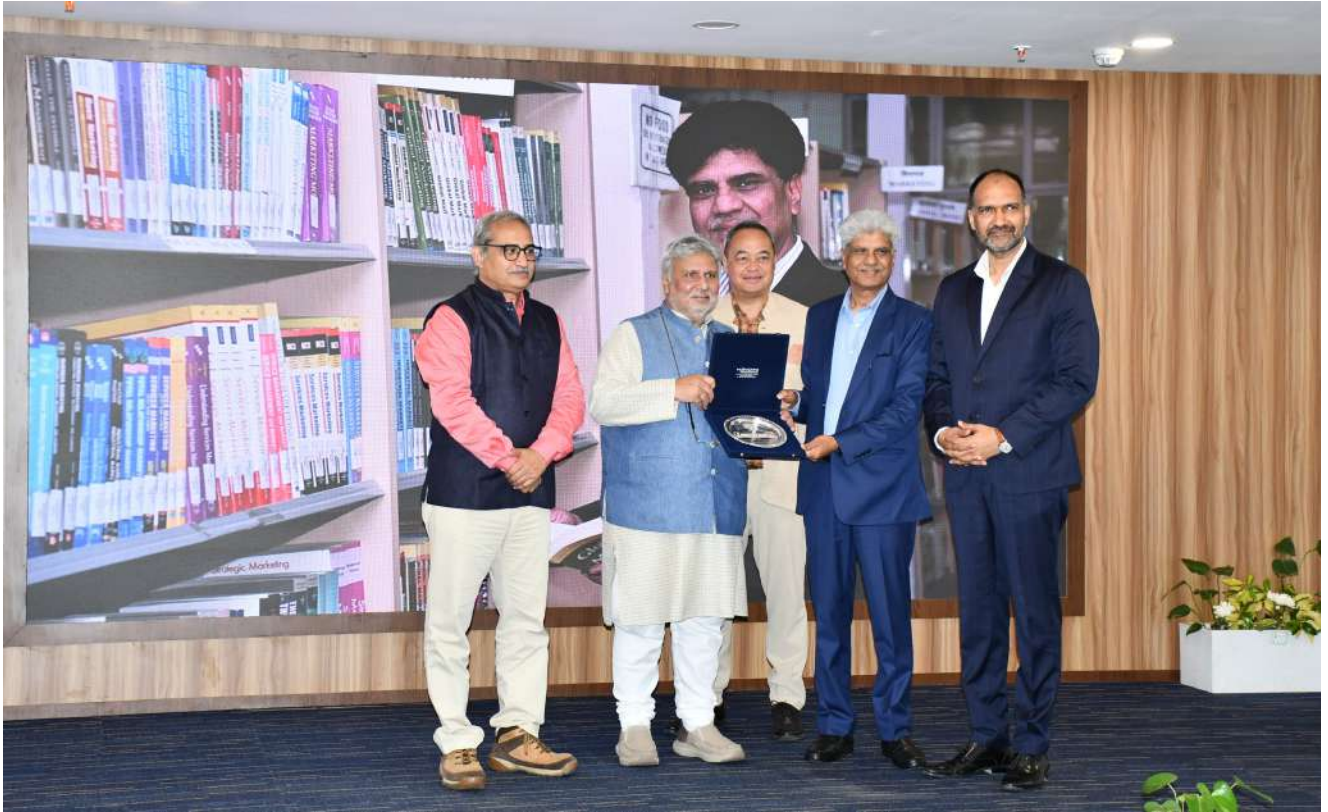


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COVER STORY

A Journey of Vision and Heart: Prof. D. P. Goyal's Legacy Lives On



The corridors of IIM Shillong echoed with warmth, gratitude, and admiration as the Institute bid a fond farewell to its Director, **Prof. D. P. Goyal**, marking the culmination of a remarkable six-year journey that shaped the very fabric of the Institute's growth and identity. What began as a tenure rooted in vision and purpose has evolved into a legacy that will continue to guide the

Institute for years to come. Under Prof. Goyal's stewardship, IIM Shillong not only witnessed academic and infrastructural expansion but also deepened its engagement with the community — strengthening the Institute's ethos of blending management education with human values and social consciousness.

The farewell gathering became more than a formal occasion; it was a heartfelt celebration of leadership, mentorship, and transformation. **Members of the Board of Governors, faculty, staff, students, and distinguished guests, including Ms. Patricia Mukhim – Editor of The Shillong Times,** came together to honour a leader who led with empathy and conviction. Their words painted a vivid picture of a director who balanced institutional ambition with a personal touch, who could inspire confidence in every stakeholder from the classroom to the boardroom.

As Prof. Goyal transitions into his new role as **Professor of Eminence**, his association with IIM Shillong remains steadfast. His presence will continue to inspire new directions in teaching, research, and institutional vision, a reminder that true leadership never truly steps away, but instead, it simply takes a new form.

The Institute also extended a warm welcome to **Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy**, who assumed charge as Director-in-Charge from May 1st. The IIM Shillong fraternity stands united in its optimism for the future, confident that under her stewardship, the Institute will continue to uphold its ideals while charting new milestones of excellence.

As one chapter gracefully closes and another begins, IIM Shillong stands poised — rooted in the values nurtured by Prof. Goyal and ready to embrace the evolving journey of learning, leadership, and legacy.

PHOTO GALLERY

GLIMPSES OF MAY EVENTS



TIMELINE

Strengthening Pathways of Growth: Director-in-Charge's Engagements – May 2025

The month of May 2025 marked an energetic beginning under the leadership of Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy, Director (In-Charge), IIM Shillong. Her tenure began with a strong focus

on continuity, collaboration, and community engagement, ensuring that the Institute's vision of sustainable and inclusive growth remained at the forefront.



Strategic Collaborations and Academic Initiatives



The Institute entered into several significant partnerships that reinforced its commitment to knowledge sharing and regional capacity building. On **3rd May 2025**, IIM Shillong signed an MoU with the **Rural Development (Panchayat) Department**,

Government of Tripura, to provide leadership and management training for elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions. This collaboration reflected the Institute's dedication to grassroots governance and policy impact in the North East.

Furthering executive education, a **five-day Customized Executive General Management Programme** for officers of the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru**, was conducted from 28th April to 2nd May, setting a high academic tone at the start of the month. Later in

May, from **19th to 23rd**, the **Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP)** on Nurturing Future Leadership strengthened IIM Shillong's role as a national hub for faculty development.

Research, Policy, and Development Focus



The **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis** continued its work in expanding regional collaborations, while the **MDP and Consultancy Division** launched a

consultancy project with the **Airports Authority of India (AAI NER)** for a SWOT analysis of eight airports across the North Eastern Region — an initiative signed on **9th May 2025**.

Community, Environment, and Wellness



Reflecting IIM Shillong's continued commitment to sustainability and well-being, a tree plantation drive — "Harit Yoga: Medicinal Plant Plantation Drive" — was organized on

18th May 2025 in collaboration with NEIAH. This initiative symbolized the Institute's holistic approach toward environmental consciousness and health awareness.

A Month of Momentum and Meaning

Under Prof. Tripathy's leadership, May 2025 was a month of purposeful action of strengthening academic partnerships, deepening industry linkages, and nurturing the Institute's social and environmental

commitments. Her proactive engagement across diverse fronts reflected a seamless transition of leadership rooted in continuity, collaboration, and care, therein, setting a promising tone for the months ahead.

An Inspiring Session with Mr. Manish Pandey: Powering India's Digital Narrative



IIM Shillong had the privilege of hosting Mr. Manish Pandey, Co-Founder of Beer Biceps Media World Pvt. Ltd. and a celebrated mentor to startups, for an engaging and thought-provoking session on "Online Challenges and Campaigns for National Growth."

In his talk on PR Strategy for the Globalization of Indian Institutions, Mr. Pandey shared compelling insights on how digital storytelling and strategic communication can shape the global perception of India's educational and entrepreneurial ecosystem. Drawing from his extensive industry experience, he

highlighted how the right mix of authenticity, visibility, and innovation can position Indian institutions as global thought leaders.

The session struck a chord with students and faculty alike, inspiring them to think beyond conventional boundaries and harness the digital medium as a force for transformation. As conversations continued beyond the event, one sentiment echoed across the hall — that the future of India's global narrative will be written by those who dare to tell their stories boldly and authentically.

Strengthening Global Bridges: IIM Shillong Partners with Taylor University, Malaysia



IIM Shillong continues to expand its international footprint with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Taylor University, Malaysia — a milestone that reinforces the Institute's vision of fostering global learning and academic excellence.

This partnership marks an important step in advancing cross-border collaboration and creating a vibrant platform for knowledge exchange, research, and innovation. Through this MoU, both institutions aim to facilitate the exchange of students and faculty, the co-development of innovative academic programs and courses, and the promotion of collaborative research and scholarly engagement across disciplines.

The collaboration is designed to nurture a diverse academic environment where ideas transcend boundaries and learning becomes a truly global experience. It reflects IIM Shillong's continued commitment to preparing future leaders who can think critically, act ethically, and lead responsibly in an interconnected world.

As IIM Shillong and Taylor University embark on this exciting partnership, both institutions look forward to shaping impactful initiatives that strengthen international academic networks and inspire excellence in management education.

Where Learning Meets Impact: Building the Future Together

In a celebration of academic excellence, leadership, and forward-thinking vision, IIM Shillong hosted the Commencement Ceremony for the PhD Working Professionals (PhDWP-25) and PGPWE 2025–27 cohorts.

Shri Charan Singh, Advisor at ASSOCHAM,

inspired the audience with a powerful message—there are no shortcuts to success, only the enduring path of hard work. As India steps into its role as the fourth-largest global economy, he urged the scholars to lead with integrity and ambition.

Guest of Honour Shri Sridhar CV from Tata Consultancy Services emphasized that the program blends academic rigour with real-world application. Participants gain exposure to emerging technologies, innovation ecosystems, and future-ready skills in AI and

beyond.

The ceremony set the tone for a transformative academic journey, equipping future leaders with the resilience, vision, and commitment to shape India's growth story.



Empowering Educators: Valedictory Session of "Nurturing Future Leadership"

IIM Shillong concluded its Management Development Program (MDP) under the "Nurturing Future Leadership Program," as part of the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Program by the Ministry of Education.

This initiative brought together educators from across the country, engaging them in interactive leadership activities and strategic discussions to foster innovation and inclusivity in higher education.

The valedictory ceremony marked the successful completion of the program, featuring a certificate distribution ceremony attended by esteemed faculty and program facilitators.

The event reflected IIM Shillong's continuing commitment to strengthening academic leadership in India and building a progressive, learner-centric education ecosystem.



Driving Excellence in Healthcare: Executive Program Inauguration



May witnessed the inauguration of the second batch of the Executive Certificate Program on Healthcare Management, a collaborative initiative between IIM Shillong and CAHO. Running from May to November 2025, the program aims to shape the next generation of healthcare leaders.

Distinguished dignitaries including Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy, Dr. Vijay Agarwal, Dr. Lallu Joseph, and Dr. Jeet Patwari graced the

launch ceremony. Faculty and staff reaffirmed the Institute's commitment to excellence and impact-driven education in the healthcare space.

The program represents a critical step in strengthening leadership capabilities in India's healthcare sector by equipping professionals with innovative tools, managerial expertise, and strategic insights.

Olympian Ian Campbell Visits IIM Shillong: Inspiring a New Era of Sports Excellence



The Indian Institute of Management Shillong had the honour of hosting Olympian Ian Campbell and his team on campus, where they were warmly welcomed by the Institute community. During their visit, the delegation appreciated IIM Shillong's state-of-the-art sports infrastructure, recognizing it as a space that nurtures both physical fitness and holistic development among students.

Representing the Meghalaya Olympics Association, Mr. Campbell and his team are collaborating with the State Government to

identify and support high-potential athletes across Meghalaya — a visionary initiative aimed at discovering and empowering local sporting talent.

Their visit not only highlighted the importance of athletic excellence but also reinforced IIM Shillong's commitment to promoting wellness, discipline, and leadership through sports. The interaction served as an inspiring reminder that the pursuit of excellence — whether in academics, management, or sports — begins with passion, perseverance, and purpose.

Igniting Innovation: 3rd Edition of the Summer School Bootcamp for Aspiring Entrepreneurs of NER Concludes at IIM Shillong



The Indian Institute of Management Shillong successfully concluded the 3rd Edition of the Summer School Bootcamp for Aspiring Entrepreneurs of the North Eastern Region, a five-day immersive program that celebrated innovation, creativity, and the spirit of entrepreneurship.

Bringing together 60 passionate young minds from across the North East, the Bootcamp offered a transformative journey — from ideation to validation, business



model development to pitching. Guided by 23 distinguished startup founders, industry experts, and mentors, participants explored real-world entrepreneurial challenges, gained hands-on insights, and built the confidence to turn their ideas into scalable ventures.

The valedictory session, graced by Prof. Rohit Joshi, Director of IIM Shillong's Foundation for Incubation and Entrepreneurship (IIMSFIIE), served as an inspiring finale. In his address, Prof. Joshi encouraged participants to continue

their pursuit of innovation and resilience, reminding them that true entrepreneurship begins with belief and perseverance.

More than just a training program, the Bootcamp emerged as a movement — a catalyst for change and a celebration of the

entrepreneurial potential of the North East. As the curtains fell, one message resonated deeply: the future belongs to those who dream, build, and lead from the North East for the world.



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