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COVER STORY

IIM Shillong's Global Moment: Three Milestones, One Vision



The year 2026 marks a defining chapter in the journey of the Indian Institute of Management Shillong. In a span of weeks, the Institute has secured three landmark global recognitions that collectively reaffirm its position as one of India's most dynamic and internationally respected business schools. With the prestigious AACSB and EQUIS accreditations and a place among the world's Top 100 business schools in the CEOWORLD Magazine rankings, IIM Shillong has demonstrated that its vision of management education is both locally grounded and globally relevant.

These achievements are more than institutional accolades. They are a reflection of a shared commitment to academic excellence, responsible leadership, impactful research, and the pursuit of innovation in an increasingly interconnected world.

Achieving the Global Gold Standards

IIM Shillong has been awarded the coveted AACSB Accreditation, one of the most distinguished recognitions in management education worldwide. Conferred by AACSB International, this accreditation places the

Institute among the top six per cent of business schools globally.

Recognised in AACSB International's official announcement on 29 April 2026, the accreditation is an endorsement of IIM Shillong's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of academic quality, impactful scholarship, and contemporary management education. It acknowledges the Institute's ability to nurture leaders who are prepared to address complex business and societal challenges while remaining responsive to rapidly evolving global ecosystems.

Adding to this remarkable accomplishment, IIM Shillong has also earned the prestigious EQUIS Accreditation, joining an elite community of internationally recognised business schools. EQUIS evaluates institutions on a comprehensive framework encompassing governance, academic programmes, faculty quality, research, ethics, internationalisation, corporate engagement, and sustainability.

Together, AACSB and EQUIS represent two of the world's most respected benchmarks for excellence in management education. Securing

both distinctions reflects the Institute's unwavering pursuit of holistic quality and its dedication to creating a globally connected learning environment that equips students to lead with competence, integrity, and purpose.

A Place Among the World's Best

Further strengthening its international standing, IIM Shillong has been ranked 97th among the Top 100 Business Schools in the World in the CEOWORLD Magazine Best Business Schools for 2026 rankings, released on 7 May 2026.

The recognition underscores the Institute's growing global influence and the impact of its educational philosophy. Among Indian institutions, IIM Shillong stands 10th among all business schools and 8th among the Indian Institutes of Management, highlighting its emergence as a leading centre for management education in the country.

The ranking reflects not only academic achievements but also the Institute's focus on developing future-ready professionals who can navigate complex economic, social, and technological landscapes with confidence and responsibility.

A Collective Achievement

These milestones are the culmination of years of dedicated effort by the entire IIM Shillong community. They speak to the vision of its leadership, the intellectual contributions of

its faculty, the commitment of its staff, the aspirations of its students, the accomplishments of its alumni, and the enduring support of its academic and industry partners.

At the heart of these recognitions lies a distinctive institutional philosophy—one that integrates academic rigour with ethical leadership, innovation with sustainability, and global perspectives with regional relevance. As the Institute continues to expand its international collaborations, strengthen research capabilities, and foster meaningful industry engagement, these achievements serve as both validation and inspiration for the road ahead.

Shaping the Future

For IIM Shillong, these recognitions are not an endpoint but a catalyst for greater ambition. They reinforce the Institute's commitment to advancing management education that creates value not only for organisations and economies but also for communities and society at large.

As IIM Shillong celebrates this extraordinary trifecta of global accomplishments, it does so with a clear sense of purpose: to continue shaping responsible leaders, generating impactful knowledge, and building bridges between India and the world.

Three milestones. One vision. A future defined by excellence, responsibility, and global impact.

PHOTO GALLERY

GLIMPSES OF MAY EVENTS



TIMELINE

IIM Shillong Welcomed the PhD WP 2026 and PGPWE 2026–2028 Cohorts



The Indian Institute of Management Shillong marked the commencement of an exciting new academic chapter as the PhD Working Professionals (PhD WP) 2026 and Post Graduate Programme for Working Executives (PGPWE) 2026–2028 cohorts formally began their journey at the Institute. The Commencement Day brought together participants, faculty, and institutional leaders in a celebration of lifelong learning, professional growth, and shared aspirations.

The programme opened with an overview of the incoming cohorts by Prof. Krantiraditya Dhamahapatra, Member of the Admissions Committee, who highlighted the diverse professional backgrounds of the participants and underscored the value of continued higher education in advancing both careers and personal development.

Introducing the academic pathways ahead, Prof. Sitanshu Sekhar Das, Chairperson, PGPWE, outlined the programme's structure and emphasised the importance of collaborative learning, noting that the rich industry experience of participants would enrich classroom discussions and peer learning.

Prof. Mousumi Bhattacharya, Chairperson, PhD, presented the framework of the doctoral programme for working professionals, highlighting its balance of academic rigour and professional commitments while fostering a supportive research community.

Welcoming the new cohorts, Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy, Director (I/C), IIM Shillong, reflected on the Institute's tradition of nurturing ethical and responsible leaders. She highlighted the Institute's international accreditations, growing global rankings, and expanding network of collaborations and specialised centres that support research, consultancy, and capacity building. Encouraging participants to embrace values of empathy, collaboration, equity, and agility, she called upon them to lead with purpose and integrity.

The ceremony was enriched by the presence of distinguished guests. Chief Guest Prof. Alok Kumar Rai, Director, IIM Calcutta, spoke about the enduring strength of the IIM brand and the growing significance of executive education in bridging industry practice with academic insight. He emphasised the role of research in generating meaningful knowledge and creating

practical impact for society.

Guest of Honour Shri Srikanth Srinivasan, Vice President and Head, Membership and Outreach at NASSCOM, shared perspectives on the transformative role of technology and digital innovation, highlighting leadership founded on trust, accountability, and empowerment. Shri Dheeraj Gaur, CEO, Arete Capital Service Pvt. Ltd., encouraged participants to remain curious, embrace experimentation, and cultivate strong

professional relationships while making the most of the learning opportunity before them.

The programme concluded with a pledge ceremony, symbolising the participants' collective commitment to ethical conduct, academic excellence, and collaborative learning. The occasion marked not only the beginning of two academic programmes but also the start of a shared journey towards responsible leadership and lifelong impact.

Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy Recognised as "Face of India 2026"



Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy, Director (I/C), Indian Institute of Management Shillong, was recognised as the "Face of India 2026" by IndiaSpark under its *Powerful Women Leadership and Academic Visionaries* of India series, celebrating her contributions to higher education and leadership.

The recognition acknowledged a distinguished career marked by resilience, academic excellence, and a steadfast commitment to nurturing ethical and future-ready leaders. Over the years, Prof. Tripathy has championed innovation, inclusivity, and responsible management education, while contributing significantly to the growth and evolving global stature of IIM Shillong.

As part of the feature, Prof. Tripathy shared reflections on her personal and professional journey, offering insights into the values that have shaped her leadership. She spoke about embracing challenges as opportunities for growth and emphasised that consistency, curiosity, and courage are essential to achieving meaningful and lasting success.

Her recognition as the "Face of India 2026" is a testament not only to her individual accomplishments but also to the broader vision of IIM Shillong in advancing academic excellence, ethical leadership, and societal impact. The honour further reinforces the Institute's commitment to fostering a culture of innovation and purpose-driven leadership that prepares individuals to navigate an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

Through her leadership and dedication to education, Prof. Tripathy continues to inspire students, scholars, and professionals alike, exemplifying the transformative power of perseverance, integrity, and lifelong learning.

IIM Shillong Hosted Chintan Shivir and Nasha Mukta Bharat Conclave



The Indian Institute of Management Shillong hosted the inaugural ceremony of the Chintan Shivir and Nasha Mukta Bharat Conclave on 28 May 2026 in collaboration with MY Bharat, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India. The event brought together policymakers, educators, youth leaders, and stakeholders to deliberate on the shared responsibility of building a healthier and drug-free society.

Delivering the keynote address, Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, underscored the importance of collective action in addressing the challenge of substance abuse. She highlighted the transformative role of youth engagement through sports, cultural activities, and sustained community-driven initiatives in fostering a resilient and empowered generation.

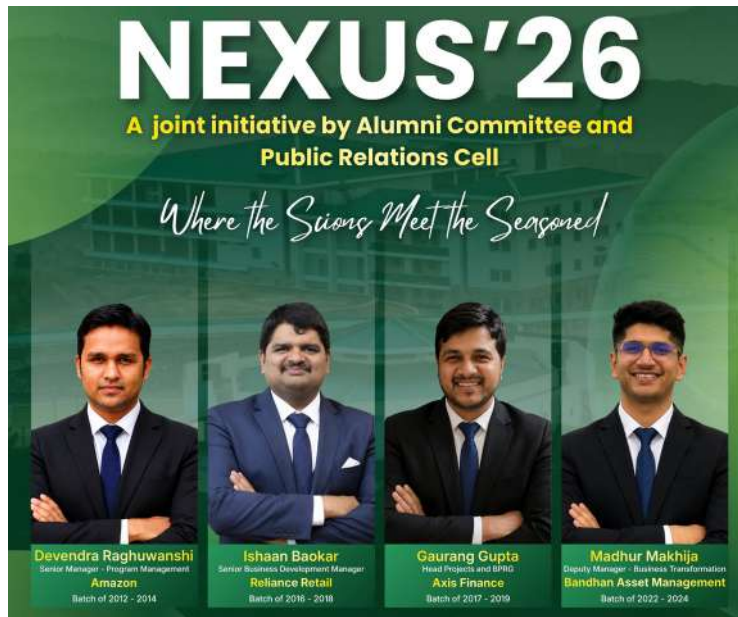
Welcoming the participants, Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy, Director (I/C), IIM Shillong, emphasised that a drug-free youth population was integral to the vision of Viksit Bharat

2047. She reflected on the role of educational institutions in nurturing responsible citizens and stressed that discipline, ethical values, and informed decision-making are essential pillars of nation-building.

The conclave also featured insightful sessions by Dr. Priyanka Shukla, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, MY Bharat, and Shri G. Roshan Tandan, Assistant Director, MY Bharat, who introduced participants to the MY Bharat Portal and the Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan. Their presentations highlighted innovative initiatives designed to encourage youth participation, strengthen community engagement, and promote a nationwide movement towards a healthier and more responsible society.

The event concluded with a shared commitment to advancing the objectives of the Nasha Mukta Bharat campaign and fostering collaborative efforts to empower young people as agents of positive change. Through this initiative, IIM Shillong reaffirmed its commitment to supporting national priorities and contributing to the collective vision of a healthier, stronger, and more inclusive India.

NEXUS'26 Connected IIM Shillong Students with Distinguished Alumni Leaders



The Alumni Committee and Public Relations Cell of the Indian Institute of Management Shillong organised NEXUS'26, an exclusive alumni interaction session that brought together accomplished professionals and aspiring future leaders for an engaging exchange of ideas, experiences, and career insights.

The session featured an esteemed panel of alumni from diverse industries, including Mr. Devendra Raghuwanshi, Senior Manager – Program Management at Amazon; Mr. Ishaan Baokar, Senior Business Development Manager at Reliance Retail; Mr. Gaurang Gupta, Head – Projects and BPRG at Axis Finance; and Mr. Madhur Makhija, Deputy Manager – Business Transformation at Bandhan Asset Management.

Drawing from their professional journeys, the speakers reflected on the challenges and opportunities that shaped their careers, offering practical perspectives on leadership, adaptability, and continuous learning in an

evolving business landscape. Their experiences across technology, retail, financial services, and asset management provided participants with a broad understanding of contemporary industry trends and expectations.

The interactive nature of the session encouraged meaningful dialogue, allowing students to engage with the alumni on topics ranging from career planning and professional growth to leadership development and navigating dynamic work environments. The candid conversations highlighted the enduring value of the IIM Shillong alumni network in fostering mentorship and lifelong connections.

NEXUS'26 reinforced the Institute's commitment to strengthening ties between its alumni and student community, creating opportunities for knowledge sharing and collaboration. The event served as a reminder that the IIM Shillong experience extends well beyond the classroom, with a vibrant network of alumni continuing to inspire and support the next generation of leaders.

IIM Shillong Flags Off Yuva Sangam Phase–VI Delegation



The Indian Institute of Management Shillong organised the Flag-Off Ceremony for the Yuva Sangam Phase–VI delegation under the Government of India's *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat* initiative, reaffirming its commitment to fostering national integration and experiential learning among the youth.

An orientation programme for the participating students was conducted by Dr. Sanjeev Ningombam, Nodal Officer for Yuva Sangam at IIM Shillong. Introducing the delegates to the spirit of the initiative, he elaborated on its guiding framework through the five pillars—*Paryatan* (Tourism), *Parampara* (Traditions), *Pragati* (Development), *Paraspar Sampark* (People-to-People Connect), and *Prodyogiki* (Technology). He highlighted how the programme offers a unique opportunity for cultural immersion, meaningful interactions, and first-hand exposure to the diverse social and developmental landscapes of the country.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy, Director (I/C), IIM Shillong, encouraged the delegates to make the most of the experience and reflected on the larger vision of Yuva Sangam in promoting mutual understanding, unity in diversity, and stronger bonds among the youth

of different states.

The delegation was formally flagged off by Prof. Tripathy in the presence of Col. Dinesh Adhikari, Chief Administrative Officer, and Dr. Sanjeev Ningombam.

Representing Meghalaya under Yuva Sangam Phase–VI, a contingent of 36 delegates and five coordinators will travel to the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Warangal, Telangana, for an enriching educational and cultural exchange. Through this journey, the participants will gain valuable insights into the traditions, innovations, and developmental initiatives of another region, further strengthening the spirit of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.



IIM Shillong Hosts Roundtable on Strengthening Private Sector Engagement in Meghalaya's Health Sector



The Indian Institute of Management Shillong hosted a high-level Roundtable on "Private Sector Engagement in Meghalaya in the Health Sector" on 22 May, bringing together policymakers, international development partners, healthcare experts, industry leaders, and government representatives to explore collaborative pathways for strengthening healthcare delivery across the State.

The roundtable served as a platform for meaningful dialogue on expanding healthcare access, improving service quality, enhancing healthcare financing, accelerating technology adoption, and developing a skilled healthcare workforce capable of addressing Meghalaya's unique geographical and demographic challenges.

Representing the Government of Meghalaya, Dr. Joram Beda, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, highlighted several pioneering initiatives undertaken by the State, including the MOTHER App, Rescue Mission, Transit Homes, and drone-enabled medicine delivery systems designed to improve healthcare access in remote and hard-to-reach areas. Dr. Sampath Kumar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department,

showcased Meghalaya's AI-enabled tuberculosis screening programme, Virtual Reality-based healthcare innovations, and the State's ongoing efforts towards achieving Universal Health Coverage.

The international perspective was enriched by contributions from German representatives and development partners. Mrs. Gabriele Manig, Deputy Consul General of Germany in Kolkata, highlighted Germany's expertise in medical technology, diagnostics, pharmaceuticals, and digital health. Ms. Henrike Peichert, Project Head, GIZ, underscored the importance of localising the Sustainable Development Goals through data-driven planning and evidence-based decision-making. Ms. Martha Scheifel from the Agency for Business and Economic Development introduced the "Lab of Tomorrow" approach, a collaborative model that brings together governments, businesses, and development organisations to co-create practical and scalable solutions.

The discussions also explored opportunities for deeper Indo-German collaboration in healthcare technology, diagnostics, digital health, skill development, and healthcare infrastructure. Panel discussions and thematic breakout sessions examined critical areas such as healthcare

financing, telemedicine, rural healthcare delivery, workforce training, data integration, and public-private partnerships.

The roundtable concluded with a shared commitment to advancing actionable pilot projects and fostering sustainable partnerships

that can strengthen healthcare systems and improve access to quality healthcare across Meghalaya. By convening diverse stakeholders around a common vision, IIM Shillong reaffirmed its role as a catalyst for meaningful dialogue and collaborative action at the intersection of policy, innovation, and sustainable development.

IIM Shillong Conducted Management Development Programme for SEBI Officers



The Indian Institute of Management Shillong conducted a three-day Management Development Programme (MDP) on "Building Future-Ready Capability at SEBI for a Digital Financial Landscape" for officers of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Government of India, from 25–27 May 2026.

The programme was designed to address the evolving demands of India's rapidly transforming financial ecosystem, where technological advancements and digital innovation are reshaping the regulatory landscape. Recognising the need for agile and forward-looking institutions, the MDP focused on strengthening participants' capabilities in key areas such as digital finance, fintech innovation, data-driven decision-making, governance frameworks, cyber resilience, and contemporary regulatory practices.

Through a blend of expert-led sessions, interactive discussions, and application-oriented learning, the programme provided participants with practical insights into emerging trends and challenges in the financial sector. The deliberations encouraged strategic thinking and equipped officers with tools to navigate an increasingly complex and technology-driven regulatory environment.

The programme reflected IIM Shillong's continued commitment to capacity building within the public sector and its broader mission of fostering leadership that is adaptive, resilient, and future-ready. By bringing together academic expertise and contemporary policy perspectives, the Institute contributed to strengthening institutional capabilities for effective governance in India's evolving digital financial landscape.

Meghalaya Delegation Led by IIM Shillong Participated in Yuva Sangam Phase–VI at NIT Warangal



The Meghalaya delegation, led by the Indian Institute of Management Shillong, participated in the inaugural session of Yuva Sangam Phase–VI at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Warangal, marking the beginning of an enriching educational and cultural exchange under the Government of India's Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative.

The inaugural session was graced by the Honourable Chief Guest, Prof. N. Nagaraju, Vice Chancellor of the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), and Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi, Director of NIT Warangal. The programme celebrated the spirit of national integration by bringing together young participants from different parts of the country to engage in meaningful cultural and educational exchanges.

Adding a distinctive cultural dimension to the event, the Meghalaya delegation presented the traditional folk song "Ri-Lum – Khun Ka Ri," offering a glimpse into the rich heritage, identity, and vibrant traditions of the State. The performance was warmly received and reflected the unique cultural tapestry that Meghalaya contributed to the national platform.

The celebrations continued with captivating performances by students from Warangal, who



showcased the diverse art forms and cultural traditions of Telangana through a series of colourful dances. The cultural presentations created an atmosphere of shared learning and appreciation, highlighting the richness of India's regional identities.

The inaugural programme set the tone for the Yuva Sangam experience, reinforcing the ideals of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat by fostering mutual understanding, cultural appreciation, and lasting friendships among the youth. Through such exchanges, the initiative continued to strengthen the bonds that unite India's diverse communities while celebrating the distinct heritage of each region.





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