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COVER STORY

Aghaaz 2024: Spreading Festive Cheer at IIM Shillong



The Cultural Committee of IIM Shillong brought the campus alive with festive spirit as it hosted Aghaaz 2024, the much-anticipated Christmas and New Year celebration, on the 12th of December, 2024. The event was a joyous occasion, offering students a chance to embrace the magic of Christmas while eagerly welcoming the new year in advance.

The venue was transformed into a mesmerizing winter wonderland, complete with a majestic Christmas tree, elegant wreaths and twinkling

lights that set the perfect holiday ambiance. A resolution board provided a space for students to pen down their New Year's resolutions and share positive thoughts, fostering an atmosphere of hope and reflection. Adding to the festive fervour, students donned Christmas caps and captured delightful moments at a creatively designed photo booth.

As the evening progressed, a bonfire radiated warmth and camaraderie, bringing students together in cheerful celebration. The highlight

of the night was the much-loved Secret Santa gift exchange, where thoughtful surprises brought smiles to all.

The grand finale featured an electrifying DJ session that had everyone on their feet, dancing

and celebrating into the night. Aghaaz 2024 truly encapsulated the spirit of the holiday season, leaving the IIM Shillong community with cherished memories and a joyous beginning to the upcoming year.

PHOTO GALLERY

GLIMPSSES OF DECEMBER EVENTS



TIMELINE

IIM Shillong Hosts Governor's Cup and Fifteenth Season of Learning on the Green Turf



IIM Shillong, in collaboration with the Shillong Golf Club, successfully organized the Governor's Cup and the fifteenth Season of Learning on the Green Turf on the 30th of November and 1st of December, 2024. The chief guest of the two-day event was the Honorable Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C. H. Vijayashankar. The event brought together an impressive lineup of participants, including senior executives from global corporations like Mercedes and Barclays, regional golfers and Army personnel. The occasion celebrated the spirit of sportsmanship and fostered meaningful interactions between



students, government officials and industry leaders.

An eighteen-hole golf tournament served as the event's centerpiece, showcasing skill and determination across all participants. Mr. Suhas Kulkarni, CPTO of Red Health, emerged as the gross winner and was honored with the winner's trophy by the honorable Governor. This unique initiative reinforced IIM Shillong's commitment to blending learning with experiences beyond the classroom, enriching students' understanding through close engagement with top professionals and esteemed dignitaries.

Empowering Governance: MDP for Arunachal Pradesh Officers

The Dr. APJ Centre for Policy Research and Analysis recently hosted a transformative Management Development Program (MDP) for mid-level government officers of Arunachal Pradesh. Held from the 16th to the 20th of December, 2024, the program brought together thirty seasoned officers, each with over a decade of experience, to enhance their leadership and governance capabilities.

Focusing on Leadership and Team Building, Project Management, Financial Management and Technology in Governance, the five-day program emphasized the growing importance of Digital Transformation. Sessions explored e-governance platforms, GIS-based planning and data-driven decision-making, along with critical topics like Cybersecurity and Data Privacy in government systems.

Interactive workshops and expert-led discussions equipped participants with actionable insights to tackle modern governance challenges. This initiative underscores the institute's dedication to capacity building, empowering officers to

drive impactful change and improve public service delivery across Arunachal Pradesh. The MDP exemplifies a forward-thinking approach to fostering effective governance in the digital era.



Grooming Leaders for MSME Growth in Meghalaya



The valedictory ceremony for the four-day Training Program on MSME Mentor Development, under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) initiative, was held on the 12th of December, 2024. Organized in collaboration with the Directorate of Commerce and Industries, Government of Meghalaya, the program aimed to cultivate a strong network of mentors to support the state's vibrant MSME sector.

Designed to equip participants with the skills and knowledge to guide entrepreneurs, the initiative focuses on fostering innovation, scalability and

sustainable growth within the MSME ecosystem. By nurturing mentors across Meghalaya, the program seeks to address challenges faced by small businesses and promote their contribution as key drivers of economic development.

The event highlighted the critical role of mentorship in enabling MSMEs to navigate market complexities and leverage opportunities. This initiative reflects a strategic effort to empower local entrepreneurs, ensuring the MSME sector thrives as a cornerstone of Meghalaya's economy.

LEAD-2024: Empowering Humanity Through Technology



The inaugural LEAD-2024 conference at IIM Shillong began with impactful pre-conference events on the 9th of December, 2024, including a roundtable discussion and a sponsor's talk. The roundtable, entitled 'Empowering Humanity through Emerging Technology and Analytics,' brought together distinguished speakers from industry, academia and government.

Panelists included Shri Biswajit Hazarika (Indian Oil Corp Limited), Shri Jagjit Singh (Tata Steel), Shri Jeewitesh Prabhakar (EY), Ms. Mathangi S. (Accenture), and Shri Manjit Nath (MeitY). Moderated by Professor Basav Roychoudhury,

Dean Research at IIM Shillong, the session delved into leveraging technology for inclusive innovation and empathetic people management.

Discussions highlighted how emerging technologies and analytics can drive inclusive product development, transform businesses and address societal challenges. The event set the tone for a dynamic conference, emphasizing technology for inclusion and fostering collaboration across sectors.

With diverse perspectives and actionable insights, LEAD-2024 reaffirms its commitment to innovation for societal betterment.

Inspiring Young Minds: A Day of Transformation at IIM Shillong



In a heartwarming initiative, the Centre for Community Impact and Engagement (NE-CCIE) and Nurturing Minds at IIM Shillong hosted two hundred students on campus for a day dedicated to education, inspiration and growth. The event aimed to expose young minds to the possibilities

of higher education while emphasizing holistic development.

The vibrant campus buzzed with excitement as students engaged in interactive sessions, explored the world of academics and learned about the transformative power of education. Through

workshops, motivational talks and campus tours, the initiative encouraged students to dream big and believe in their potential.

The day celebrated not just education but also the resilience and aspirations of the youth, fostering

hope and determination. By opening its doors to these young learners, IIM Shillong reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing future leaders and shaping brighter, more inclusive futures for the region and beyond.

IIM Shillong Hosts Renowned Editors in the "Meet the Editor" Series

The "Meet the Editor" series at IIM Shillong continued to inspire academic excellence by facilitating direct interactions with global thought leaders in research and publishing. In December, the campus hosted Professor Patricia Lewis (Kent Business School, University of Kent) and Professor Susan Marlow (Nottingham University Business School), who shared valuable insights on academic writing and publishing.

This initiative created a rich learning environment for faculty, researchers and students by providing them with access to international expertise. Earlier

in the month, Professor Prashant Bharadwaj, a distinguished editor, engaged participants in meaningful dialogues about publishing strategies, enhancing research quality and navigating global academic standards.

The series underscored IIM Shillong's commitment to advancing research capabilities and preparing scholars for the evolving landscape of academia. By bridging the gap between global editorial insights and local research aspirations, the initiative empowered participants to achieve greater success in academic publishing.



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