

ARMY INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, KOLKATA

RESUME OF EVENTS / ACTIVITIES : APRIL 2020

Overview

1. The month of April saw the institute settling down in the CoVid lockdown mode of functioning with its attendant challenges and uncertainties. The online mode of teaching-learning was adopted in earnest. The list of successful candidates for the next academic session (MBA-24) was promulgated on 06 Apr. Our recommendations for review of the establishment of the Institute were staffed, as also a proposal was mooted to generate funds by monetizing our idle assets by considering a request from Institute of Management Technology (IMT), Ghaziabad to set up their Regional Learning Support Centre within our campus for their distance education programme. Should the need arise HQ Eastern Command is considering setting up a quarantine facility at our new campus. In this connection, The Eastern Army Commander visited the new campus on 14 Apr. To assist the Command Hospital next door, accommodation has been provided for some doctors and medical stores in our campus since 09 Apr. Sanitization protocols within the institute have been strengthened. After completing his tenure of nearly five years Col Sushen Chakraborty (Retd) bid farewell to the Institute on 30 Apr. The Director briefed the Chairman Maj Gen Satbir Singh, SM** on 22 Apr at his Headquarters. The Chairman had earlier assumed the appointment in the last week of Mar.

Academics

2. Online Classes. Online classes, as per a schedule; were launched by the faculty members working from home with effect from 30 Mar (Some faculty members had started taking online classes even earlier. There are challenges of connectivity and network speeds being experienced by the students & the faculty. The Institute would be investing in developing digital content to make the experience more wholesome. The syllabus has been covered / completed in case of most of the subjects. In the normal course semester exams commence in end May / early June.

3. AIMS Bengal Chapter Online Conference (03 Apr). Director attended an online conference of the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS) West Bengal Chapter on 03 Apr. The impact and responses to the CoVid pandemic on management education and practice was shared by the participants.

Admissions

4. Admission MBA 24 : Online Group Discussion (GD) / Personal Interview (PI) (01 & 02 Apr). The online round of interviews was rescheduled from 26/27 Mar and conducted on 01/02 Apr. 14 candidates (Army:09, General:05) appeared for the online interview. The First List of successful candidates was promulgated on 06 Apr. 102 candidates (Army : 85, General : 17) have deposited the first installment of fees by 30 Apr. The second online round is scheduled in end May.

Placements

5. Placement Status (MBA 22). Byjus conducted tele interviews during the month of Apr and picked up two of our HR students, taking the number of students placed to 108. The details of placements in Mar 2020 are as under:-

STAGE WISE PLACEMENT DETAILS FOR THE MONTH OF APR 2020

Ser No	Date	Name of Company	Mode (Psn, Test, GD & PI)	Success Rate				Remarks					CTC (Rs in Lakh)
				Participated	GD Stg	PI Stg	Selected	Area			In/Off Campus	New Co	
								Mktg	Fin	HR			
1	Apr	Byjus	Tele Interview	6	-	6	2	0	0	2	online	Yes	6.5

10. Summer Internship Programme (SIP). Times Group has picked up two more of our students for SIP during the month, raising the total number of students to 104.

Student Affairs

11. Farewell Col Sushen Chakraborty (30 Apr). The handful of students & staff in the campus had organised a befitting programme to bid farewell to Col Sushen Chakraborty (Retd) our Registrar and Head of Administration, keeping in mind the ongoing restrictions.



Farewell function of Col Sushen Chakraborty (Retd) Registrar & HoA (30 Apr). Clockwise from Left Top. 1. Col Sushen Chakraborty (Retd), Registrar & HoA addressing the students and staff during his farewell event 2. The audience during the farewell event.3. Maj Gen AK Sapa (Retd), Director presenting the Institute Memento to Col Sushen Chakraborty (Retd).4. One for the records, Col Sushen Chakraborty (Retd) with the students and staff before leaving the institute.

Administration

12. Visit Patron-in-Chief and Army Commander to New Campus (14 Apr). Patron in Chief and Eastern Army Commander visited our New Campus to consider its feasibility as a quarantine facility, should the need arise. He was conducted by the Chairman and Director.
13. Briefing Chairman IGB / IMC (22 Apr). The Director briefed the Chairman, Maj Gen Satbir Singh, SM** on 22 Apr at his Headquarters. The Chairman had earlier assumed the appointment in the last week of Mar.
14. Establishment : End of Term Col Sushen Chakraborty (30 Apr). After almost five years in chair, Col Sushen Chakraborty (Retd) our Registrar and Head of Administration bid farewell to AIMK. Col Chakraborty's relief is expected in Jun 20. A request for his extension until then was turned down and the Placement Officer has since been nominated to officiate in the interim.
15. Establishment : PA to Director (27 Apr). Sub Tushar Pattnayak (Retd) assumed the duties of PA to Director on 27 Apr. The extended term of the previous PA Shri Tarak Sarkar expired on 30 Apr and he had not been coming to the office since the Lockdown began in mid Mar.
16. Infrastructure at New Campus. While work at the New Campus remains suspended, work on provision of external services (electricity & water) was completed on 10 Apr.
17. Lockdown & Implications. The Institute entered Lockdown 2.0 on 14 Apr for an additional period of 3 weeks. Lockdown protocol measures have been further strengthened. Our present campus within the Command Hospital premises (and proximity to Khidirpur & Mominpur) is likely to remain a hot spot or within a containment zone for long. Hence, it would be in the best interests of the Institute to re-locate to the New Campus at Rajarhat partly or fully at the earliest available opportunity.
18. Accounts / Finance. Owing to the lockdown and non-attendance of office by accounts staff, ad-hoc salaries were paid to the staff for the second month in running on 21 Apr.