ARMY INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT KOLKATA RESUME OF EVENTS / ACTIVITIES AIMK : AUG 2021

Overview

1. August was examination time for our 2nd Semester students and curtains being drawn on the outgoing batch, MBA 23; some of whom were still connected with us for placements. Issues with the university too precipitated during the month.

Academics

2. **2nd Semester Exams (10-16 Aug)**. MBA 24 students took the 2nd Semester exams conducted by the university in an online mode from 10 to 16 Aug. The results were received on 25 Aug and the performance of the students exceeded our expectations. The minimum SGPA was 9.0 and average SGPA was 9.72! This calls for introspection and may be a review of the university exam system to ensure a fair degree of difficulty to guard against skewed result patterns.

Admissions

3. **Specialisation of Seats (31 Aug)**. 76 seats have been subscribed so far as per details given below:-

| S.N. | Exam | Army | General | Total | Remarks | |
|------|-----------|------|---------|-------|-----------------------|--|
| (a) | CAT | 51 | 15 | 66 | We are expecting some | |
| (b) | JEMAT - I | 08 | 02 | 10 | more admissions fron | |
| | Total | 59 | 17 | 76 | JEMAT – II in Sep. | |

4. Allotment of Less Seats in JEMAT-I / Compliance. The university allotted only 30 seats to AIMK against 50 requested. Out of the first 171 merit holders in JEMAT-I all our 30 seats got allotted, indicating the popularity of AIMK. Only a few of these students (10) however showed interest because of a perception created that AIMK had been de-affiliated by MAKAUT. In the list of affiliated MBA colleges published by MAKAUT on 30 Jul, AIMK's name did not figure. AIMK represented against the injustice to the VC and also sought an audience with Higher Education Secretary.

<u>Faculty</u>

- 5. FDP on Office 365 (26 to 31 Aug). FDP on Office 365 was conducted for Faculty from 26 to 31 Aug by Mr Parth Shukla, Microsoft Office Trainer.
- 6. Notice to Resign: Asst Prof Madhurima Sengupta (25 Aug). Asst Prof Madhurima Sengupta (HR) who had joined us on 01 Apr and was also officiating as our Placement Officer served notice on 25 Aug to resign on 03 Sep. She reportedly is joining TCS and at a substantially higher package than what the Institute was giving her. A student in a farewell message stated about her. ".. one of the best teachers we had" It is always a challenge to retain good talent.

Student Affairs

7. International Data Mining Competition 2021 Outstanding Performance of AIMK Team (02 Aug). AIMK Team consisting of Goutam Jha, Divyansh Mishra,

David pal, Ananya Sinha and Anjali Singh stood 49th globally in the 'The Data Mining Cup' and 2nd among teams from India (IIM Calcutta was ahead of us).

Finance / Accounts

8. <u>Major Expenditure</u>. Details of major expenditure, i.e exceeding Rs 50,000/-, are given at Appendix 'A' attached.

Administration

- 9. AWES Online Conference on Yellow Book (13 Aug). Director, Registrar, HoD Finance and Accounts Clerk attended the AWES online conference on 13 Aug to discuss amendments to the Yellow Book. Views of the Institute were compiled and mailed subsequently.
- 10. Independence Day Celebrations (15 Aug). In a simple ceremony with minimal attendance the National Flag (flanked by AWES and AIMK Flags) was hoisted over the portico of Kalpvriksh (Academic Block) by the Director. This was followed by inauguration of Pratikshalya (a waiting lounge for the general public at the main gate), tree plantation and the customary tea party. This was for the first time that the National Flag was hoisted at our new campus. The event was covered by Telegraph.



National Flag hoisting at Kalpvriksh on 15 Aug.



Independence Day Tea Party (15 Aug).



Inauguration of Waiting Lounge for General Public on Independence Day. It has a toilet and filtered refrigerated water (15 Aug)



Plantation of a sapling on Independence Day (15 Aug)

11. Lt Navdeep Singh Bains Jayanti (20 Aug). The Registrar & the Wardens'

paid homage to our alumnus Lt Navdeep Singh Bains, Ashok Chakra (Posthumous) on his birthday on 20 Aug at the memorial bust in front of *Kshitij* (Amenity Block).



A ceremony in honour of our brave alumnus Lt Navdeep Singh Bains, Ashok Chakra (Posthumous) on his birthday (20 Aug).

- 12. Vacation of Old Campus (23 to 31 Aug). With all sanctions in place, the token presence which was being maintained at the old campus was lifted during the period 23 to 31 Aug with transport resources being provided by the Army. The auction and disposal of surplus / unserviceable assets through auction at the old campus, being conducted under the aegis of a formation board, is however pending.
- 13. New Campus. Despite best efforts, the following issues remain to be completed / resolved:-
 - (a) Obtaining of fire safety and completion certificate from district authorities by MES.
 - (b) Quality of internal roads which may entail major maintenance expenditure in the near future.
 - (c) Quality of arboriculture unevenness prevents safe functional usage of playgrounds.
 - (d) Unsatisfactory surface drainage repeatedly exposed during even moderate rains.
 - (e) Bursting of the main electric cable supplying the Academic Block (even when the whole block is not loaded). Not being attended to by the contractor.
 - (f) Insufficient acoustic treatment of auditorium ceiling leading to unacceptable noise levels during rains.
 - (g) Defects in hostel lifts since long (July 2021) which are not being rectified.
 - (h) Request for waiver of certain taxes / statutory charges by State Govt. The grant of formal completion certificate is linked to this.

Piacements

14. Summer Internship Projects / Programmes: MBA 24. All students of MBA 24 Batch have generally completed their mandatory internship requirement.

Offers for interns are being received from companies which are being evaluated with caution, since some companies often augment their workforce during the festival season through the internship route. The history of internships getting converted into pre placement offers in the past is abysmal.

15. Resignation of Officiating Placement Officer. Prof Madhurima Sengupta who was overseeing placement and allied functions ever since. Ms Sphurti Pathak left on 24 Jul, served notice to resign on 25 Aug with 03 Sep being her last day in service, once again creating challenges in placement on account of lack of redundancy.

16. Pre-Placement Training: MBA 24

- (a) <u>Group Discussions</u>. Periodic group discussion sessions were organised in mentor groups during the periods 03-04 Aug & 24-28 Aug through a private trainer.
- (b) <u>Video Resumes (22 Aug)</u>. A session for preparing video resumes was conducted through a subject matter expert on 22 Aug. Mentors too attended the session.
- 17. <u>Status: MBA 23 Batch</u>. 08 Companies approached the Institute for recruiting our students in Aug, in which 04 students bagged offers, raising the gross numbers are placed (89%).

MAJOR WORKS / PROJECTS / EXPENDITURE : AUG 2021

| Ser No | Project Details / Brief | Name of the Fund | Amount (Rs in Lakh) |
|-----------|---|------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Provision of Screen Wall with Glazed Door for Thrift Shop in Amenity Block. | AIM | 0.63 |
| 2. | Provision of three Flag Poles with base, along-with access door on portico terrace at Academic Block. | AIM | 0.59 |
| 3. | Construction of Stores for Library (3 rd Floor) at Academic Block. | AIM | 2.25 |
| 4. | Supply and fixing of mirrors and table glass for Academic Block and Amenity Block. | AIM | 1.82 |
| 5. | Payment of Exam Fees (Sem IV, MBA-23) for 118 students | AIM | 1.41 |
| 6. | Furnishing of Director's Office at Academic Block. | AIM | 2.24 |
| 7. | Furnishing of Registrar's Office at Academic Block. | AIM | 1.90 |
| 8. | Provision of Oxygen Concentrator at MI Room of AIMK. | AIM | 0.58 |
| 9. | Payment of EPF for the month of Jun 2021 | AIM | 1.41 |
| 10. | CAT Annual Fee for AY 2021. | AIM | 2.95 |
| 11. | Construction of Stores for IT Lab (4 th Floor) at Academic Block. | AIM | 2.25 |
| 12. | Refund of 1 st Instalment Fees | AIM | 0.59 |
| 13. | Renewal of Digital Marketing Services by College Dunia for Admission 2021. | AIM | 1.16 |
| 14. | Furnishing of Reception, Estate Office, Placement Office and General work at Academic Block. | AIM | 1.29 |
| 15. | Payment of Outsourced Manpower for the Month of Apr 21 | AIM | 0.73 |
| | TOTAL | | 21.80 |