

ARMY INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, KOLKATA
RESUME OF EVENTS / ACTIVITIES AIMK : MARCH 2020

Overview

1. The month of March was plagued with uncertainty owing to the likely impending fallout of the CoVid-19 pandemic on the institute. Typically, March is a month when screenings for admissions (Group Discussion & Personal Interview) take place and internal tests are conducted. Based on the emerging CoVid-19 related circumstances, classes were suspended from 14 Mar, faculty and staff exempted from attendance from 19 Mar and institute shut down from 23 Mar. Some students are stranded in the institute owing to cancellation of their trains / flights. We were nevertheless able to conduct the screenings for admissions for the next academic year (MBA-24, 2020-21) and also celebrate Holi before things shut down.

Academics

2. Internal Tests (2 – 5 Mar). Internal tests were conducted from 02 to 05 Mar.
3. Drihstikon – Union Budget Analysis (07 Mar). The customary panel discussion, 'Drishtikon – Union Budget Analysis', was conducted on 07 Mar. The panel discussion was moderated by Prof Arup Choudhari, founder Chairman and CEO of Acasia Global Consulting LLP, advisor to the Department of Finance, Govt of UAE and a Risk Advisor to the Bangladesh Bank. The panelists were Dr.Sushmita Chatterjee, Asst Prof in Department of Economics at Maharaja Manindra Chandra College; Mr. Pankaj Gupta, an IIM, Lucknow alumnus and a consultant on Finance and Strategy and Prof Saptarishi Roy, from St Xavier's College, Kolkata.



The panelists of the panel discussion Drishtikon – Union Budget Analysis : (From Left to Right) Prof Saptarishi, Mr Pankaj Gupta, Prof Arup Choudhari (Moderator) and Dr Sushmita Chatterjee 07 Mar)



One for the records, Maj Gen AK Sapra (Retd) Director and the organisers pose with the panelists of Drishtikon with the audience behind (07 Mar)

4. Annual Workshop (13 & 14 Mar). The annual workshop on finance – ‘FUNANCE’ was organised on 13 and 14 March 2020 by the *Kuber Club*. Mock or virtual trading session, Ad-Mad Show, debate, Innovator of The Year, and financial marathon competitions / events were organised during the workshop.



Maj Gen AK Sapra (Retd), Director witnessing the Mock Trading Session being conducted as a part of Funance (14 Mar)

5. Guest Lectures on Financial Theme by Ms Suchi Rungta & Mr Sumanta Sarkar (20 Mar). Lectures on financial & stock markets and trading & investments were conducted by Ms Suchi Rungta and Mr Sumanta Sarkar on 20 Mar.



Our guest, Ms Suchi Rungta delivering a guest lecture on financial matters (20 Mar)



Ms Puja Ghosh, Placement Officer, handing over a memento to our guest speaker, Mr Sumanta Sarkar (20 Mar)

6. Suspension of Classes (14 Mar) / Switch to Online Classes. Classes were suspended from 14 Mar and students advised to leave for respective homes. Since the lockdown appeared to be open-ended, it was decided to switch over to the distance learning mode at the earliest on Google Classroom and Google Hangout platforms. An online familiarisation class on Google Hangout was conducted for the desirous faculty members on 26 Mar. It was decided to run the classes as per a schedule (the standard class schedule which was already in vogue). Google Hangout was preferred over Zoom. Concerns related to IT infrastructure (bandwidth, speed, connectivity, hardware etc) were expressed by stakeholders. It was decided to soldier on despite the existing constraints.

7. MAKAUT Online Conference of Heads of Management Institutions (29 Mar). Director attended an online conference of heads of management institutions of MAKAUT on 29 Mar. Issues related to continuation of teaching-learning process, evaluation, examination & semester schedule and mandatory additional requirements (MAR) were discussed during the interaction. The VC was appreciative of the steps / measures taken by AIMK.

Admissions

8. Admission MBA 24 : Group Discussion (GD) / Personal Interview (PI) (17 & 18 Mar). GD & PI for 132 aspirants (Army : 102 & General : 30) for 120 seats (Army : 94, General : 24) were conducted on 17-18 Mar. Observance of CoVid-19 precautionary measures made conduct of GD & PI challenging. Certain changes were also made to the format to allay safety concerns. The online round for those candidates (14 candidates : Army-09, General-04) who could not report for GD & PI was scheduled on 26-27 Mar. Thus we have 1.22 applicants per seat this year as against 2.3 applicants per seat last year. This trend is disturbing and would have to be arrested.



The Registration Desk established during the admission process of MBA-24 Batch (17 & 18 Mar)



Maj Gen AK Sapra (Retd), Director overseeing the conduct of a group discussion session during the admission process (17 Mar)

Placements

9. Placement Status (MBA 22). Apprehensions of companies not honouring their placement offers made earlier were doing the rounds of the campus. Five companies participated in our campus placement during the month of Mar 2020 and picked up 02 of our students. As on 31 Mar 2020, 106 (88%) of our students have been placed. The placement process is now on hold. The details of placements in Mar 2020 are as under :-

STAGE WISE PLACEMENT DETAILS FOR THE MONTH OF MAR 2020

Ser No	Date	Name of Company	Mod e (Psn, Test, GD & PI)	Success Rate				Remarks					CTC
				Par ti ci pat ed	G D St g	PI Stg	Sele cted	Area			In/Off Campus	New Co	
								Mktg	Fin	HR			
1	02-Mar	Byjus	Tele Inter view	4	0	4	0	0	0	0			
2	03-Mar	ISCM	Tele Inter view	6	0	6	0	0	0	0			4.00
3	06-Mar	Varuna Integrated Logistics	PPT, Test, PI	6	0	6	2	2	0	0	Off	New	4.00
4	07-Mar	Chola MS	PPT, GD, Test, PI	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	Off		3.50
5	13-Mar	Collabera	Tele Inter view	4	0	4	0	0	0	0		New	2.53
6	13-Mar	Homelane	PI	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	Off	New	8.00
7	14-Mar	XL Dynamics	PPT, Test, PI	5	0	5	Awai ted	0	0	0	Off		4.50
8	19-Mar	Talent Corner	PI	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	In		6.00
9	25-Mar	Cocube	Test, PI	13	0	5	Awai ted	0	0	0			4.00
				TOTAL PLACEMENT			2	02	0	0			

10. Summer Internship Programme (SIP). 19 companies screened our students for SIP during the month. SIP for 102 students have been finalised so far.

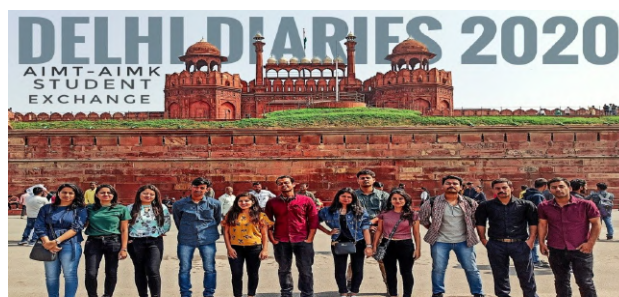
Student Affairs

11. Holi Celebrations (09 & 10 Mar). Holi ka Dehan was celebrated as an alumni event on 09 Mar, followed by Holi celebrations on the following day. *Holi ka Dehan* celebrations started with a retro-musical performance by our band which was followed by party games, dancing, playing Holi, the customary bonfire and refreshments. The Director was accompanied by his wife and Prof Archita Chatterjee represented the faculty. Not many alumni members turned up for the *Holi ka Dehan*. The celebrations on 08 Mar were an all student affair.



A collage of the Holi celebrations in the institute on 09 & 10 Mar

12. Students Exchange Programme with AIMA Greater NOIDA (25 Feb to 04 Mar). Our students contingent returned from their week long exchange programme at AIMA Greater NOIDA on 04 Mar. 12 students from MBA-22 Batch had participated in the exchange. The students were fortunate to attend an international conference which was scheduled during their visit.



A collage of the student exchange programme under which 12 of our students visited AIMT Greater Noida (25 Feb to 04 Mar)

13. Faculty Interaction with other B-School (06 Mar). Prof.Archita Chatterjee and Ms Puja attended the 20th anniversary celebrations of Institute of Management Studies (Mukundapur). Archita and Puja are ex-faculty of Institute of Management Studies.

Administration

14. Opening of Office of International Relations (11 Mar). To pursue international academic exchange programmes with overseas institutions / universities an Office of International Relations was opened through a back dated Institute Order on 11 Mar. Dr Sweta Rani was appointed as the coordinator of the office.
15. Establishment : Joining of Storekeeper (11 Mar). Shri Bhaskar Nath assumed the duties of storekeeper on 11 Mar. The post was lying vacant since 08 Dec when the previous incumbent (Shri Anindya Roy Chowdhury) left on getting a regular govt job.

16. Interview for the Post of PA to Director (14 Mar). After a couple of abortive attempts, interview for the post of PA to Director was held again on 14 Mar. Three candidates appeared for the interview. Sub Tushar Pattanayak (Retd) has been selected for the post.

17. Infrastructure at New Campus. Work at new campus has been suspended since 23 Mar. Once work resumes, it may take another two months to complete the project. This would obviously have a bearing on timelines to shift to the new campus. The earlier PDC of the project was Feb 2020 and after equipping and furnishing the campus it was planned to shift in Jun-Jul 2020 with the next session starting from the new campus. The boys hostel is yet to be offered for taking over and external services too haven't been engineered so far.

18. Closure of Institution : CoVid-19. In accordance with directions from regulatory and controlling bodies, classes were suspended from 14 Mar, faculty and staff exempted from attendance with effect from 19 Mar and the institute closed with effect from 23 Mar (A/N). 35 students are stranded owing to cancellation of their flights / trains or reservations expressed by their parents regarding their travel. Arrangements for their stay have been made. Detailed extraordinary instructions for conduct of academic and allied activities were issued by the Director's Office on 25 Mar 20.

19. Accounts / Finance. Owing to the lockdown ad-hoc salaries were paid to staff on 23 Mar (last working day). Financial closure of accounts and allied activities have also been adversely affected due to the lock down. The grant in aid funds however have been fully utilised.