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Building a Better Future Together



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'Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.' -Benjamin Franklin

The quote amplifies the need and adaptation of learner involved pedagogical structures and processes in tune with the learning potential in higher education learners; those having access and at the same time being overwhelmed with information accessibility through multiple sources. NICMAR has always been at the forefront of delivering cutting-edge learning in tune to the requirements of the industry and business environment.

As a premier institution with the legacy of academic excellence and strong user-oriented knowledge dissemination, NICMAR is aptly poised to alleviate this learner dilemma by involving project-based learning that is a pedagogical combination of self-learning, action-based learning and peer learning, thus enabling their growth on the career trajectory.

Curriculum development and pedagogical improvements in alignment with needs of learners and expectations of the industry towards availing skilled competent resources are at the core of this extensive exercise, currently being undertaken at NICMAR to bridge this gap and provide a solution-oriented platform for all its stakeholders.

I call upon you all to be a part of this very exciting journey as we shape and nurture young minds and future techno-managers of the 21st century, on the foundation of decades of experience garnered through the institutional legacy. The world is changing and so are We@NICMAR. Join hands to contribute your knowledge and expertise towards shaping the built environment curriculum and education in India. I look forward to your inputs and meaningful contributions in your domains of experience and expertise over the summer. Let us collaborate and grow Together!!

Dr Anil Kashyap Director General, NICMAR

Team of the Month – February 2022 Maintenance & Project department (Pune Campus)

Maintenance team @Pune has coordinated with the projects to make the Phase-V building and flag post ready to match the inauguration date. They were in constant touch with the vendors to inspect the installed equipment and systems for its performance. Maintenance Department is handling the latest Hitech equipment like Chillers, Auditorium Audio system etc.

The project team completed Project **"Auditorium & Institute Building"** with full dedication along with challenges under COVID Situation & other Construction issues.



Maintenance Team



Mr Sanjeev Gupta and team (Project Team) Administration & Services Team (Hyderabad Campus)

Maintenance Team @Hyderabad performs routine equipment maintenance, troubleshoot issues, make on-site repairs when needed scheduling and overseeing routine servicing of equipment. Deals promptly with any issues or problems occur.



Prof. B. Ravinder, Head Admin & ServiceAdmin and Service TeamThe dedicated and tireless efforts of all the members of the Maintenance & Project teamand Admin & Services Team makes them the Team of the Month. Congratulations!!!

LATEST UPDATE Memorandum of Understanding



The National Institute of Construction Management & Research (NICMAR) signed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) with **M/s BEXEL Consulting Pvt Ltd** under the able leadership of **Prof Anil Kashyap, Director General, NICMAR** for collaboration in Digitization and Digital Transformation.

Bexel Manager is utilized for Academic and Research purposes in the engineering and construction fields in over 130 countries. M/s Bexel and NICMAR will work towards promoting Building Information Modelling (BIM), OpenBim, Integrated BIM and Digital Transformation using BEXEL Manager. NICMAR has always been a pioneer in leading innovation for the Construction Industry in India.

NICMAR Admission 2022

NICMAR Common Admission Test (NCAT), Group Discussion (GD) and Personal Interview (PI) for the full time Post Graduate Programmes for NICMAR Admissions was conducted in February 2022. Selection of candidates was done on the basis of merit related to candidates' performance in NCAT, GD, PI and Rating of Application (RA). We are happy to congratulate the candidates for their selection in the Post Graduate Programme at NICMAR.

NICMAR organized online interaction sessions with "Educational Loan Partners" to provide the detailed information to the candidates for the same. We are also organizing few online taster sessions to be addressed by NICMAR experts for admission 2022 offer holders. Taster sessions will give more information about PG programmes to selected candidates & will solve their queries.

Case Writing Workshop

The case writing workshop, to be organized on 7th and 8th April, 2022 received an overwhelming response within few days of announcement. The workshop registration has been closed due to filling of all the slots. The candidates from IITs, AMU, UPES and other renowned institutes have registered for the workshop.

ALERTS

The last date for paying the 1st instalment of tuition fee to secure the admission seat of the selected candidates at NICMAR is 08th April 2022.

Forthcoming Programmes @Hyderabad

- •21 Days Industrial Training Program for Civil Faculty of Government Polytechnics in Telangana State (from 7th March to 31st March, 2022)
- •Post Graduate Programme in Construction Management for Working Professionals (PGP CMWP) 17th April, 2022
- •Online Post Graduate Programme in Project Quality and Resource Management for Working Professionals (oPGP PQRM) 24th April, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dialogue Series @Pune

NICMAR Centre for Smart and Resilient Development (CSRD)

Urban Planning Dialogue Series



The remaining one session of the Urban Planning Dialogue Series titled "*INDIA* @2047: *Role of Planners*" will be held on 11th March from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. The session will be delivered by Shri Deepak Bhavsar, Independent Consultant – Planning and Real Estate.

The "**Valuation for Real Estate Sector Workshop**" to be held on 11th and 12th March 2022 for NICMAR faculty members to upgrade their valuation knowledge and skills. Mr. Sunil Agarwal, Founder, Black Olive Ventures, will deliver this in-person workshop.

HAPPENINGS @NICMAR

Annual Academic Conclave 2022

The 9th Annual Academic Conclave was organized online on 19th February 2022 on the theme - "Roadmap for Integrated Sustainability in the CRIP Sector".

The event was graced by honourable Shri. Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Transport and Highways of India, as the Chief Guest and honourable Shri. Ajit Gulabchand, Chairman and Managing Director of the Hindustan Construction Company Ltd. and Chairman, Board of Governors, NICMAR, as the Guest of Honour.



The Inaugural speech and thematic introduction was given by Dr. Anil Kashyap, Director General, NICMAR. The address was followed by an inaugural message by Shri. Ajit Gulabchand emphasizing the need of responsible and resilient infrastructure in this era. The dais was graced by honourable Shri. Nitin Gadkari who spoke about the current and future five-year plans for infrastructure developments in India.

The panel of guest speakers comprised of Mr. V. Suresh-Vice Chairman-National Building Code of India, Ms. Amrita Chowdhury-Co-Founder-Gaia Smart Cities and Independent Director on Board of Mahindra Lifespaces Developers Ltd., Dr. Bibekananda Mohapatra-Director General-National Council for Cement and Building Materials and Mr. Anup Mathew-Senior Vice President & Business Head-Godrej Construction.

Symposium @Pune



The symposium on "*Opportunities for Road Asset Management in India*" had four eminent experts discussing the nitty-gritties of how road assets are managed and maintained in a country with the second largest road network. This free symposium was held on 5th March 2022.

Dialogue Series @Pune

The Urban Planning Dialogue Series titled "*INDIA* @2047: Role of Planners" engaged two eminent speakers from the public sector who presented their select works/case studies and the role planners can play in achieving smart and resilient urban development. The first two session of the Dialogue Series was held on 25th February and 4th March by Shri. Abhiraj Girkar, Joint Director, Town Planning & Metropolitan Planner, and Shri Avinash Patil, Director, Town Planning & Valuation Department, Maharashtra State respectively. Webinar on Effective Teaching in an Online Mode



NICMAR Centre for Continuing Professional Development organized a webinar for faculty members of all NICMAR campuses on one of the most relevant pedagogical concerns in today's educational environment, "How do we engage in the online world? A few experiences" on 18th February, 2022. Dr. Pradeep Racherla, Professor of Marketing and Program Director Mahindra University, School of Management, Hyderabad, delivered this engaging session.

Webinars for NICMAR Students

Dr. Gautam Pant, Chief Business Officer, Tracecost, India, engaged a session on "Effective Project Management Through Digitization".

Mr. Hemant Avhad, Assistant Manager, Godrej Properties delivered a talk on "Real Estate Regulatory Act and Its Compliances".

Executive Development Programme @Hyderabad

The following Short-run Executive Development Programs were conducted by NICMAR Hyderabad for M/s Welspun Enterprises Limited.

Module I – Agile Project Management in Construction – 15th February, 2022

Module II – Lean Construction - 17th February, 2022

Module III – Basics of Contracts & Claims Management – 25th February, 2022 Infrastructure Expansion @Hyderabad



As a part of the expanding infrastructural facilities at NICMAR Hyderabad, 'Athulyam', a hostel block for boys was inaugurated by the Director General of NICMAR on 26th Feb, 2022.

Guest Talks @Hyderabad



NICMAR Centre for Continuing Professional Development organized a talk by Prof. Poonam Kashyap, University of West England on the topic 'Pedagogical approaches for planning, delivery and assessment of courses' for the faculty members of NICMAR, Hyderabad. The talk emphasized the importance of considering students as important stakeholders in the teaching-learning process.

Guest Talks @Goa



Alkali-activated Concrete: A Sustainable Alternative to Portland Cement Concrete on Friday 25th Feb'22 from 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM. The webinar was delivered by Dr. Arkamitra Kar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus.

Faculty and Staff Members' Awards/Recognition

Dr Rajesh Goyal has been invited by Joint Usage Research Centre (JURC), Tokyo Polytechnic University (TPU), Japan to present his research findings on "Tornado Effects on Structure" during an International workshop on 28 Feb. 2022. (Online mode).

Dr Indrasen Singh received Best Research Award, Certificate of Excellence, for outstanding achievements and remarkable role in the field of education by Indian Solidarity Council.

The Director General, DGFASLI, Mumbai has recognised Dr S.V.S Rajaprasad, as an expert for the validation of the 'Manual on Construction Safety' for supervisors and the booklet on 'Safety in Construction Work' for workers prepared by the officials of Labour Institutes across India. The manual and booklet will be released by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Government of India, during the month of February 2022.

Mr. Ganesh Pande (Staff @Pune) received certifications for numerous sports activities.

ALUMNI CORNER



Balkrishan Singh, Executive Vice President, Ayana Holding and Manya Décor Fitout, was awarded with *Company of the Year* to Manya Decor Fit Out (Construction Business News Middle East)



Naman (left) and Vipul started Code Effort Private Limited in 2018 to recycle cigarette butts and make them into useful products. Their efforts got published in *New innovations coverage in The Weekend Leader* - Naman Gupta and Vipul Gupta Founders, Code Effort Private Limited



NICMAR Hyderabad hosted an alumni meet session on 26th February, 2022. Alumnus, Ms Anjani Sridevi, Director - Arquitetonia Home Solutions and Mr.Tajuddin Shaikh, Deputy Manager, Navayuga Engineering Company Limited visited the campus and interacted with the Director General and the faculty.



STUDENT NOOK CHAKRAVIEW 2022 @PUNE

The annual techno-managerial intra-college event Chakraview 2022, was hosted online on 16th, 17th, 18th and 20th February 2022. The tagline for the event was '*Into the Metaverse*', where the students participated in different domains like Technical, Business, Design, Digital Media and Literary.

The events were held on the theme of futurism to stimulate the thought process of the students regarding the future upcoming trends in the CRIP sector.



The highlight of the fest was the ultimate event- Mars Gambit, where all the teams had to work with the challenge of creating the first colony on Mars and work on the construction and development of a single residential module.

Group 4 (ACM Section 4) were declared as the runners up, and Group 6 (ACM Section 6) emerged as the winners of Chakraview 2022.



SPIRIT & INNERVE 2022 @Hyderabad



On 25th Feb, 2022, the Director General of NICMAR inaugurated SPIRIT and INNERVE 2022, the annual student cultural and sports festival organised by the students of NICMAR Hyderabad. While the sports events being conducted as a part of SPIRIT are already in progress, the cultural fest INNERVE is scheduled on $12^{th} - 13^{th}$ March, 2022.

Placement Highlights – FEBRUARY 2022

@Pune

The percentage of placement has increased this month reaching an estimated **74.26 %** with 94 companies participating in the drive till date. In all **50.00% of the first-year batch has got summer internship till date.** International placements for final year was also conducted by Sobha Realty, Dubai.

@Delhi

All the batch 5 students of NICMAR Delhi campus have been successfully placed in reputed organizations.

@Goa

12 students got placed. The major recruiters were Rohan Builders (I) Pvt. Ltd., Patel Engineering Ltd., Dev & Associates, etc.

@Hyderabad

A total of 50 + students across the streams have been placed in various reputed companies. International companies like Chamberz International (Singapore), Voltas International and Gulf Contracting participated in the recruitment sessions.

In all **85%** placements for the students of the two-year fulltime courses and **100%** placements for HSEM and PGPPEM have been completed.

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