

# ASSAM ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF COLLEGE

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## **Innovation Lab Summit**



The Centre for SDGs, Assam Administrative Staff College, in collaboration with UNDP and Transformation and Development Department, Government of Assam, organized a 2 day event 'Innovation Lab Summit : Taking Forward Innovation & Foresight in Assam' from 22nd – 23rd November, 2017.

The inaugural function was graced by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam, as well as by a number of senior government officers and UNDP officials.



A team from Demos Helsinki, the Nordic think-tank, conducted the workshop in collaboration with UNDP over two days which focused on helping participants understand new approaches to increase efficiency in governance and design successful policies for the 21st century. The participants also received training on three innovation tools: Co-creation, Foresight / Back-casting and Policy Experimentation.



The main themes discussed were a roadmap for innovation and foresight in planning and designing policies, integrating the Strategy Paper and Action Plans (SPAP) developed by various departments of the Government of Assam to identify key areas of focus, applying lab –methods to sub-missions of Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMSGUY) to



double farm income by 2021-22 and capacity building of core team of 'SDG Champions' as well as key government officials in various departments.

## Ideathon



Participants from universities, engineering and Social sciences colleges from all over Assam, IIT, Guwahati and other partners attended the Ideathon organized by the Centre for SDGs, Assam Administrative Staff College and sponsored by UNDP. The aim was to engage the participants in creating small scale solutions through IT platforms through the Ideathon. The design for the two days from 2nd – 3rd November, 2017 was to set out socio-economic problems to pre-selected groups who were then asked to





create innovative solutions based on their skill to research, map and design models through their understanding of SDGs in the context of Assam. This platform was a space to create open-source hacking for scalable ideas leading to 'developing solutions' with the help of mentors .

Day 2 saw the presentation of all prototypes to a Jury which selected winning teams and runners-up teams to take forward their ideas and develop and fine-tune their models for pilot projects in the field. The teams would be given a seed fund based on their concept note to come out with an applicable model. The Ideathon was a vibrant and energetic event with dedicated participation from the youth from early in the morning to late in the evening.

### SDG Conclaves

The one day event on 7th November, 2017 focused on group-wise discussion on themes related to achieving SDG goals 5 & 10 including achieving gender equality, tackling social evils and violence against women and reducing inequalities in society. Dr S. Chatterjee, Adviser, SDGs, addressed the participants and gave an overview of the

thematic discussions. Shri Jishnu Barua, IAS, Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department also addressed the participants. The participants included officers from Social Welfare Department, Police, Labour & Employment and Health, Education, NGOs and other stakeholders

Another conclave held on 9th November, 2017 focused on group-wise discussion on themes related to achieving SDG goal 16 , including strengthening Rule of Law and access to justice for all, as well as reduction of violence and organized crime, trafficking, corruption, etc .

### Training on GST



A training course on Goods and Services Tax was conducted from 28th to 30th November, 2017 for officers from various departments. As this was a new Act, there was a need to acquaint officers with the provisions of the GST Act and the regulations, as well as compliance of government offices . Other issues taken up were the need for tax reforms, challenges and opportunities in GST implementation and the likely impact of GST on the Indian economy.



## Course for IAS Officer Trainees



One week special training course for IAS officer trainees of N.E. & AGMUT Cadre, 2016 batch was held in collaboration with Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, from 13th to 18th November, 2017. 24 participants attended the course. Eminent guest speakers from the field of administration, academia, as well as development experts and journalists addressed the participants on issues pertaining to the North-East, including its ethno-cultural diversity, the geo-economic relationship of NE States with neighboring countries and special administrative structure of the NE Region, developmental and security issues, etc.

This course was followed by a two-week North East Darshan starting from 19th November, and concluding on 1st December, 2017. As a part of the tour the officer trainees visited Sikkim, Mizoram, Agartala, Manipur and called on the Chief Ministers of the States. Further, there were field visits to inspect developmental projects and visit some historical places.

## ACS(P) Foundation Course

The four week Foundation Training course for Assam Civil Service, 2017 batch officers was conducted at Assam Administrative Staff College from 13th November, 2017.

Shri Anjan Chakravarty, IAS, Director, Assam Administrative Staff College welcomed the officer trainees and explained the aim, objective and significance of this Foundation Training and stressed on the ways it would help them come to grips with the new role and responsibilities they would face once they joined their respective places of posting.



The thirty days training comprised of class room lectures, case studies, field visits to witness the functioning of Gaon Panchayat, Swachh Bharat Mission, and Homes run by Social Welfare Department and Sishu Sarothi. A visit to the State Museum was also included for linking the heritage of the state and understanding the historical, geographical and anthropological background of the state where they would be serving for the next 30-35 years.

At the end of the training programme an examination as part of assessment of the learning by the officer trainees was





conducted .The assessment test comprised of 100 marks on Law, Revenue Law and Financial matters.

The officer trainees also put up a wonderful cultural show where their considerable talent was showcased and much appreciated by the audience. Shri Anjan Chakravarty, IAS, Director, Assam Administrative Staff College in presence of the Course Director, Associate Course Director of the course and other officers in his valedictory session called for the utmost commitment, discipline and honesty towards the people and the state from the officer trainees.

The first phase of Foundation Training ended at Assam Administrative Staff College on 11th December, 2017 after which they were taken to Kaziranga on an educational tour. This was followed by a further one week training at Police Training College (PTC), Dergaon. It is for the first time that this attachment at PTC has been incorporated into the ACS(P) Foundation Training course .

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The valedictory session at Police Training College, Dergaon was addressed by Shri Mainul Islam Mondal, IPS, Principal PTC and Smti Kajori Rajkhowa, Joint Director & Associate Course Director, Assam Administrative Staff College. All the officer trainees were congratulated and wished success in their service career.

### e-Governance



A three day training course on 'e-Governance' sponsored by DoPT, Government of India was conducted at Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati, w.e.f. 27th to 29th November, 2017. The training comprised of Basic concept of e-Governance, State/ National scenarios, Process Re-engineering, Change Management; to Website Development Guidelines, GIS for Governance, e-Procurement, relevant security issues and sharing of success stories etc. 17 participants from various departments of Govt. of Assam participated in the said training.



## PHOTO GALLERY



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