BANGALORE BRANCH

31st December 2023 – Induction session for CSCM 27th Batch (Online): IIMM Bangalore Branch organized an Induction session for Short Term Certificate in Supply Chain Management Course (CSCM) (Online) on 31st December 2023 (Sunday). Mr. G. Balasubramanian, Senior Faculty conducted session for the CSCM 27th Batch students.

20th January 2024 Branding IIMM Bangalore Branch: IIMM Bangalore Branch organized a Brainstorming Session on Branding IIMM Bangalore Branch on 20th January 2024 at IIMM Office premises. It was moderated by Mr. Jayakumar, M, Branch Chairman with guidance and inputs from expert Mrs. Rama Krishnamurthy from BOSCH. The following points were deliberated.

a. How to Brand IIMM and attract more learners for IIMM Courses
b. How to bring more participation from large and MSME organisations and Individual members from organisations.

All Committee Members have participated and given their valuable inputs.

21st January 2024 PGDMM/PGDL&SCM Entrance Exam: Entrance Exam for PGDMM/PGDL&SCM has been conducted on 21st January 2024 at IIMM Bangalore Conference Hall, 10 candidates have participated for the Entrance Exam.

24th January 2024 – COLLABORATION With SJIM: Industry ready students are need of India today and for the next 10 years. IIMM Bangalore branch has taken lead in this and made an MOU with SJIM (St Joseph Institute of Management). Next step is to leverage the strength of SJIM for IIMM Members and SCM Professionals and as well with Expertise real life knowledge of our Faculty and SCM professionals we started the 1st discussion to co-create suitable courses with SJIM.

Jayakumar lead the discussions to co-develop suitable programs for SCM Professionals and SJIM Post grad Students.
HOSUR BRANCH

Free Webinar/Monthly Lecture Program: Indian Institute of Materials Management, Hosur Branch and Hosur Industries Association (HIA) had organised a Free Webinar/ Evening Lecture Program on “CUSTOMS PROCEDURES” on 16th December 2023 (Saturday), by Mr. Karunakar C.S., EXIM Consultant on MS Team Meet between 06.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Mr. G. Balasubramanian, IIMM Hosur Branch Vice Chairman welcomed the gathering.

Dr. Sattianarayanane, Branch Chairman introduced the speaker.

Mr. J.H. Sastry, Past Chairman of Hosur Branch was the Guest of Honour and addressed the gathering.

Speaker Mr. Karunakar CS. gave presentation on Indian Customs Compliance Information Portal detailing customs procedures and regulatory compliances for import-export trade. About 70 Participants including Members from various sectors/organisations attended the Program. Program was very informative and very good Interactive. Excellent feedback has been received from the participants.

KOLKATA BRANCH

Faculty Meet held on Saturday 6th January, 2024 at IIMM Hall at 6 p.m.: Mr. Koushik Roy, Chairman, IIMM, Kolkata welcomed all the faculty members of IIMM, Kolkata branch and wished them success in 2024. He mentioned that Kolkata branch has been excelling in the educational activities which is aptly recognized by our National Headquarters by awarding it the best branch in the education department for the last 11 years. He thanked the faculty for their relentless effort to impart quality education and hoped that with their unstinted support the branch will continue to excel in the academic field. He expressed satisfaction in the respect of various activities of the branch, such as, admission procedure, arrangement of classes, conduct of examination and introducing new course curriculum. Chairman requested Mr. Debasis Mallick, Course Coordinator to present a report on the educational activities and future plan of the Education Department.

Online vs. Offline classes: There was an open house deliberation on the issue of switching over to offline mode of classes from online classes. It was decided that the classes for DMLM and PGDMM would continue to be held online. As regards GDMM, efforts would be made to conduct a few sessions on Quantitative Techniques and Research Methodology offline. Chairman suggested that online sessions for PGDMM could be extended to the students of other branches. Kolkata is the only branch offering contact classes at a very nominal fee. The course coordinator informed the house that the number of sessions in respect of PGDMM might increase in the near future as a result of positive feedback received from the students who joined the contact classes.

Kolkata branch has taken up with NHQ at appropriate level for continuation of the GDMM course, as the responses from the students have been quite encouraging. The National President has conveyed the approval of NHQ on 29th December to continue the programme for the current session. The faculty members participated in the discussion and offered valuable suggestions.

The intake of students in session II of 2021 was adversely impacted by covid. The branch is dealing with 200 plus
students at any point of time. This is the highest among all the branches of IIMM. Mr. Debasis Mallick placed on record the positive contribution from the Admin. staff of the branch, particularly, Mr. K Gupta, Manager, Mr. Tapas Chakraborty, Sr Education Officer and Mr. Sudip Sengupta, in-charge of DMLM programme.

The activity schedule of the Education Department was highlighted to the members.

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Hony. Secretary, IIMM, Kolkata. He placed on record hearty gratitude to all the faculty members for their kind presence and taking active part in the proceedings.

Written examination for the students of GDMM and PGDMM/PGDSCL was conducted successfully by IIMM, Kolkata branch in December 2023 at the Institute of Business Management campus, Jadavpur University.

A record number of 48 students from PGDMM / PGDSCL and 66 students from GDMM (R) appeared in the examination. This number excludes the PGDMM students who opted to appear in the examination online.

The answer sheets were despatched daily following the NHQ norms. IIMM, Kolkata would like to thank the NHQ, faculty and the administrative staff of Kolkata branch to facilitate conducting the examination smoothly and peacefully.

**Mumbai Branch**

IIMM Mumbai Branch had received a initial Work Order for a Two Day “Orientation Training In Public Procurement” for its Class 1 Officers in November 2022. The First Phase of this Two Day “Orientation Training in Public Procurement” for Systematic Improvement at Regular intervals was completed by IIMM Mumbai Branch in January 2023.

In end September 2023, Mumbai Port Authority gave IIMM Mumbai Branch a Repeat Work order on the same topic with same Scope of work for its Second Batch of Participants.

The Topics/Scope covered by IIMM Mumbai for the initial Two Days of Training Program on 20th November & 21st November 2023, held at Port Management Training Centre (PMTC) Mazagon, were as under:

1. Indian Contract Act
2. Non Disclosure Agreement
3. Workmen Compensation Act

For

a) Procurement of Goods
b) Procurement of Services
c) Procurement of Works
5) Customs Duty
6) INCO Terms
7) GST Act and Post GST Compliances

The Faculty from IIMM Mumbai Branch were Mr. Alok Ranjan Sarkar Advisor IIMM Mumbai Branch (covering topics Serial no (1) to Serial No (4) above.)

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**Project presentation at IIMM, Kolkata**

IIMM, Kolkata branch organized a programme of project presentation for the GDMM and PGDMM students on 9th January 2024 at the institute hall. A total number of nine students made PowerPoint presentations and faced viva voce to defend their project. Senior Faculty members Mr. Debasis Mallick and Dr. Rajesh Das attended the programme to evaluate the students.
The Second Faculty from IIMM Mumbai Branch was Mr Pankaj Sinha, G.M (Retd) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (covering Topics at serial no (5) and serial no (6) above.

The Third Faculty representing IIMM Mumbai Branch was Mr Jitendra Kumar, DGM Finance, Taxation BPCL who took the Session on GST Act

The Third day of Training viz 22nd November 2023 was covered by the In House Faculty of Mumbai Port Authority and covered Topics such as:

- General Principles of Public Procurement
- Estimation of Cost
- Formulation of Specifications
- MbPA Manual for Procurement of Goods
- Public Procurement Policy for Micro & Small Enterprises
- Start Ups
- Make in India Order 2017 and its subsequent Orders
- MbPA Works Manual (Civil)
- Implementation of SORs
- MbPA Transparency Plan
- MbPA Integrity Pact
- GeM Portal
- CPPP Portal
- CVC Guidelines

The Sessions were conducted by IIMM Mumbai Branch Speakers in interactive mode and queries of the participants were suitably replied. The Total Number of Participants in this Second Batch of Training were 28 Nos. IIMM Certificates were distributed and Feedback forms about the Program were filled up by the Participants. The activities of IIMM Mumbai Branch and Benefits of becoming IIMM Member was explained.

At the end of the two day Training Program, Mr Sushil Kumar Sharma, Actg Head of Materials Management Department, Mumbai Port Authority and Mr H. Sawant Senior Asst Traffic Manager (Training) felicitated Mr Alok Ranjan Sarkar, Advisor IIMM Mumbai Branch & former G.M - Materials & G.M (Engineering & Projects) BPCL by presenting a Flower Bouquet

The above In House Training Program was co-ordinated by Mr Alok Ranjan Sarkar, Advisor, IIMM Mumbai Branch and was well supported by Mr RB Menon, Deputy Director, IIMM Mumbai Office and his team members.
The Training Program was attended by 28 no's Participants, including their Dy GM Mr Chaitanya Kumar. The Faculty for the Training Program was 1) Mr Alok Ranjan Sarkar, Advisor IIMM Mumbai Branch and ex GM - Materials & GM (Engineering & Projects) and 2) Mr Neetesh Agarwal, SMM NE Railways. The Program was interactive and various queries and clarifications of the client were answered.

IIMM Certificates were handed over to the participants by Mr Sunil Choudhary, GM (Engineering) AI Engineering Services Ltd. This Training Program was coordinated by Mr Alok Ranjan Sarkar, Advisor IIMM Mumbai Branch with support from IIMM Mumbai Branch Office Mr R.B. Menon - Dy Director and his team.

Indian Institute of Materials Management, Mumbai Branch organised a two-day in-house training program at Material Organisation on 13th and 14th of December 2023 at their training cell at Ghatkopar, Mumbai on the topic “Materials Management and Soft Skills”. The training covered the following topics on day one was Warehouse Management, Preservation of Stores, Materials Management, and e-Procurement (GeM). The topics covered on day two were Supervisory skills, Behavioural Skills, Time Management and Human Values and Ethics.

The faculty for day one was Mr. Alok Ranjan Sarkar, Advisor - IIMM (Ex GM - Materials & GM Engineering & Projects BPCL). The faculty for the second day was Dr. Neil Sequeira - Chief Operating Officer (COO) (Head & Neck Cancer Institute of India). The program was highly interactive and the feedback obtained at the end of the program was very encouraging. The Program was co-ordinated by Dy. Director IIMM Mumbai Branch, Mr. R.B. Menon and ably supported by his team at Branch Office.

PUNE BRANCH

Interactive Knowledge Sharing Session: IIMM-Pune successfully organized an Interactive Knowledge Sharing session on Saturday, 20th January 2024 at its branch office. We were honored to have Ms. Sharmila Kesarkar, Head of Pharmacy (Pharma Procurement & Operations) at Jehangir Hospital, Pune, as our esteemed guest speaker. Mr. Suhas Gawas, Chairman, IIMM-Pune Branch welcomed & introduced her to all the members present in the session. The session revolved around the critical topic of “Challenges and Opportunities for Supply Chain Management (SCM) in Hospitals.” Under the expert guidance of Mr. Mohan Nair, National Councilor at IIMM, the session was skillfully moderated, ensuring a smooth flow of information and engaging discussions.

Ms. Sharmila Kesarkar, a distinguished expert in the field, brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to the discussion. Her presentation delved into the unique challenges faced by hospitals in managing their supply chains, highlighting the critical role SCM plays in ensuring the seamless functioning of healthcare institutions.

Key takeaways from the session included:

Supply Chain Challenges in Healthcare: Ms. Kesarkar discussed the intricacies of supply chain management in the healthcare sector, emphasizing the complexities arising from the need for timely delivery of medical supplies, equipment, and pharmaceuticals.

Technology and Innovation: The speaker shed light on the evolving landscape of SCM in hospitals, exploring how technological advancements and innovative solutions can address challenges and enhance efficiency. This included discussions on the implementation of digital platforms, automation, and data analytics.

Regulatory Compliance: Ms. Kesarkar underscored the importance of compliance with regulatory standards in the healthcare industry. She elaborated on the challenges posed by stringent regulations and the need for SCM strategies that ensure adherence to these standards.

Collaboration and Partnerships: The speaker highlighted the significance of collaboration among stakeholders in the healthcare supply chain. Building strong partnerships with suppliers, distributors, and other relevant entities was emphasized as a key factor in overcoming challenges and leveraging opportunities.

Key Challenges: The speaker placed particular emphasis on the obstacles hospitals face when it comes to attracting and retaining highly skilled professionals. In light of this, she proposed that IIMM take proactive measures by introducing targeted training programs and certifications in Supply Chain Management (SCM) specifically designed for the unique needs of healthcare organizations.

Opportunities for Improvement: Ms. Kesarkar shared insights into areas where hospitals can capitalize on opportunities to enhance their SCM practices. This included recommendations for proactive risk
management, continuous process improvement, and the adoption of sustainable practices. The session concluded with a lively Q&A session, allowing participants to further engage with Ms. Sharmila Kesarkar and delve into specific aspects of SCM in the healthcare sector. Overall, the Interactive Knowledge Sharing session attended by about 20 members, proved to be a valuable platform for exchanging ideas, gaining industry insights, and fostering a collaborative learning environment.

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM BRANCH

IIMM Thiruvananthapuram Branch organized a Family get together on Saturday, 6th January 2024. The programme was held at IIMM Hall, Sasthamangalam, Thiruvananthapuram.

Shri Justine G. Padamadan, Clinical Psychologist, Trivandrum was the Chief Guest of the function. He was formerly Consultant to the Family Court, Trivandrum and Faculty to Academic Staff College, Trivandrum and Calicut, Child Development Centre, Medical College Campus, Trivandrum, Centre for Adult continuing education, University of Kerala, Institute of Management in Government, Trivandrum, Training College, State Bank of Travancore, Trivandrum and Family Apostolate, Diocese of Trivandrum. He has presented Scientific papers in national and international conferences.

The programme started with a silent prayer. Chairman Dr. Koshy M George welcomed the Chief Guest and the august gathering. In his presidential address, Chairman highlighted the major activities of the branch and placed on record the co-operation of all the members in all the activities of the branch.

Shri M Janardhanan, NC Member introduced the Chief Guest to the gathering. Thereafter Shri Justine G. Padamadan made a beautiful presentation on “Family Enrichment”. As introduction he told that Family Enrichment occurs when involvement within the family results in the creation of a positive mood, feeling of support, or feeling of success which can help that individual to cope better, more efficient, more confidence or recharged for one’s role at work. Family Enrichment is a process by which families can strengthen their relationships, increase their resilience, and promote healthy development and functioning. People are becoming more and more ego conscious. Culture is concern for the other person. Trust is very important as far as a family is concerned and a lot of flexibility is required in the family. Healthy family relations mainly depend on three Cs. Concern or Caring, Communication and Companionship. The talk was very informative and interesting and was well received by the audience.

Chairman Dr. Koshy M George handed over the Membership Kits to the newly joined members at this meeting. Sri M.G. Narayanan Nair, Secretary proposed vote of thanks. The meeting ended with Lunch. It was a memorable day for the participants. New year gifts were also distributed to the members after the function.

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Chairman Dr. Koshy M George welcoming the Chief Guest and the audience. Chief Guest Shri Justine G. Padamadan, Secretary Shri M G Narayanan Nair and Vice Chairman Shri K Raveendra Prasad are on the dias.

Chief Guest Justine G. Padamadan delivering the talk on “Family Enrichment”.

Chairman Dr. Koshy M George handing over the Membership Kit to Shri S Jayachandran Nair.
IIMM Aurangabad Branch has distributed 500 New year welcome kit to Materials Management professionals.

Ahmedabad branch is having 10 Active chairmans, who are regularly attending IIMM Ahmedabad branch function. Sharing pic of 6 Chairman welcoming guests of honour in our last MM day program.

Programme at Indore Branch

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Cochin Branch : One Day Training Programme for Executives at Cochin.