EVENT REPORT

Meghalaya Integrated Development Centre of Excellence (MIDCE), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs Shillong - Launched Specialized Courses on niche areas of Legal education for the students of Meghalaya



A still photo of the event

Shillong, 16 October 2026: The Meghalaya Integrated Development Centre of Excellence (MIDCE), established by the Government of Meghalaya under IICA Shillong, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, successfully launched specialized courses on subjects of Corporate Law, Competition Law & Market Regulation, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Laws, and Business & Financial Laws on 16th October 2026 at the campus of National Law University, Meghalaya. **The programme was facilitated by the Department of Commerce & Industries and the Department of Planning, Investment Promotion & Sustainable Development, Government of Meghalaya**.

The initiative reflects the importance of institutional collaboration between the State Government and specialized national institutions like IICA Shillong, in enhancing the competency skillset of Meghalaya youth and legal professional. The establishment of MIDCE by the Government of Meghalaya under IICA Shillong, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, provides an institutional platform for engagement among government departments, local youth/students, professionals, enterprises & businesses and other development stakeholders.

The launch programme marked a significant step towards strengthening legal and regulatory capacity in the state of Meghalaya. The event commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the

lamp by dignitaries on the dais, followed by opening remarks by Ms. Sangeeta Boruah, Academic Lead & Principal Researcher – Entrepreneurship & MSME Ecosystems, IICA Shillong.

Sh. Debarun Kalita, Officer on Special Duty (OSD), IICA Shillong, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, delivered the Welcome Address and set the context for the initiative. Sh. Kalita, while delving upon the objective of establishment of MIDCE, under IICA Shillong – emphasized upon the need of such initiatives tailored to the needs of local Meghalaya legal fraternity on emerging legal topics. He encouraged the students nominated by the Government of Meghalaya for the courses, to draw upon the benefits of such specialized courses and add to their overall legal competency set. Sh. Kalita also placed his profound gratitude to the **Director General, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Sh. Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh**, for his visionary leadership and stewardship accorded to MIDCE in conceptualization, development and launch of these courses on Corporate Law, Competition Law & Market Regulation, Business & Financial Laws, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Laws, for the Youth, Professionals & Enterprises of Meghalaya.



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Sh. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, ICLS, Regional Director, Northeast Region (NER), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, **Sh. M. L. Wanshnong**, Director, Directorate of Commerce & Industries, Government of Meghalaya, and **Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Jajodia Mozika**, Vice Chancellor, NLU Meghalaya, delivered special addresses at the launch. **Sh. Sanjay Kumar Gupta,** while highlighting the impact of IBC course – *the curriculum explores corporate resolution, liquidation, and pre-packs under the transformative IBC (2016) regime***,** characterized the IBC (2016) as a major reform that provides structured resolution mechanisms and yields significantly better recoveries than prior regimes.



***Sh. Sanjay Kumar Gupta**, ICLS, Regional Director, Northeast Region (NER), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India being facilitated by the , **Dr. Pyla Narayana Rao, Associate Professor, School of Corporate Law & School of Competition Law & Market Regulations, IICA**, Ministry of Corporate Affairs*

Professor Jyoti Jajodia championed collaborative efforts to continually adapt these academic programs for Meghalaya needs. She emphasized that fostering strategic partnership will ensure the curriculum evolves effectively to include advanced legal modules over time.



Prof. (Dr.) Jyoti Jajodia Mozika, Vice Chancellor, NLU Meghalaya delivered the special address

Sh. M. L. Wanshnong, reiterated the uniqueness of these courses and highlighted the importance of today's legal professionals to have conceptual and practice knowledge on such emerging disciplines. He welcomed the initiative of MIDCE, under IICA Shillong as a significant stride towards aiding the legal ecosystem professionals of Meghalaya.

The digital launch of the courses was formally undertaken by the dignitaries present. Following the digital launch, **Dr. Pyla Narayana Rao, Associate Professor, School of Corporate Law & School of Competition Law & Market Regulations, IICA**, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, presented a detailed overview of all four newly launched programmes.

Shri Cyril V. Darlong Diengdoh, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Law, Commerce & Industries, Planning, Cabinet Affairs, etc., Government of Meghalaya, delivered the Keynote Address, emphasizing that the courses will help translate an enabling regulatory environment into usable capacity, creating a dedicated cadre of certified professionals to advise businesses across the state.



Hon'ble Shri Cyril V. Darlong Diengdoh, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Law, Commerce & Industries, Planning, Cabinet Affairs, etc., Government of Meghalaya, *delivered the Keynote Address*

An interactive session followed, allowing dignitaries and participants to share reflections on the course initiative. The formal proceedings concluded with the Vote of Thanks proposed by Pramod Jangra, Senior Consultant, School of Corporate Law, IICA.

The launch of these specialized courses under MIDCE is expected to equip students, professionals and stakeholders with contemporary knowledge and practical insights in key areas of corporate and commercial law, contributing to the overall development of the legal and business landscape in Meghalaya and the Northeast.

About the Meghalaya Integrated Development Centre of Excellence (MiDCE)

The Meghalaya Integrated Development Centre of Excellence (MIDCE) is a strategic initiative established by the Government of Meghalaya under the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) Shillong to empower the state's youth, professionals, and enterprises. Serving as a specialized platform for training, research, policy advisory, and institutional capacity building, the Centre aligns IICA's expertise with Meghalaya's developmental priorities across key thematic areas, including finance, technology, social welfare, and governance. By focusing on critical domains like entrepreneurship, MSME and startup development, corporate governance, CSR, and ESG sustainability, MIDCE provides evidence-based research and professional development opportunities to a diverse group of stakeholders, including government officials, local businesses, students, and NGOs, to drive transformative growth throughout the region.

About the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs Shillong (IICA Sh.):

Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Shillong has been established as a project under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for Northeast Region (PM-DevINE) Scheme. The objective of establishment of IICA Shillong is to foster socio-economic development in the Northeastern Region (NER) by stimulating corporate culture creation, enhancing professional competency and skillset of local youth. IICA Shillong plays an anchoring and steering role in stimulating corporate culture, strengthening corporate governance standards, and enhancing employability through professional competency enhancement in the Northeast. IICA Shillong works at the intersection of corporate affairs, law, governance, regulation, research, and professional education. Its activities include capacity-building, policy advisory, training and engagement with government, industry, and other stakeholders.

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