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Baggage Scanning and Image Interpretation Course

The Baggage Screening and Image Interpretation Course has been conducted at IISSM, New Delhi from 22-24 Nov 2018 was a Great Success. The participants were from GAIL, Delhi, Indigo, Kolkata and Cochin (ex-Indian Navy).

The sessions were based on theoretical training (classroom model) and Computer Assisted Training (CAT) with the help of a Simulator. Subjects were covered are : Technical aspects of X-Ray machine, control

position and colour coding) methods, techniques to identify hazardous, prohibited items, IEDs, daily usage items and comparison with actual items and X-ray images.

The following Faculty Members conducted the Course: - **Col S Kak, C3I Consulting Services** and **Mr. Amit Kumar, C3I Consulting Services.**

It was a great experience to witness keen interest being taken by the participants in new technologies in the field of Baggage Screening and Image Interpretation. There had been healthy interactions between the participants and the Faculty members. All the Participants expressed that they would propagate this programme to be attended by their colleagues in the profession. They also felt that this course would

panels and functions, security features and precautions, basic interpretation using various (density, chemical com-

help them to rearrange/ improve their Security Management and Planning.

Overall the course was very well received and appreciated by the participants.

Few Quotes from Participants on Overall Assessment of the Course are mentioned below:-



Mr P Sagar Kumar GAIL, Delhi

"The Programme is Good and very helpful for security Arrangements"



Mr Ajit Kumar Arya, GAIL (India) Limited, Delhi

"Outstanding! It's very unique experience to practice image interpretation"



Mr. Deepak Ranjan Raut, GAIL (India).

"The Programme would be helpful for me to achieve my organisational and personal goals."



Mr. Joydeep Mukherjee, Indigo, Kolkata

"Very Good and Helpful."

Through the Conclave

When we had the first ice breaking session specially to begin the preparation for the Conclave in the second week of September 2018, least I knew that the actual preparation began six months back or may be more. One can say that it began from the moment we concluded last Conclave and it won't be untrue! In the intervening period, IISSM conducted a Seminar on 'Cyber Security and Smart City, in June 2018 which was a smashing hit. These two events I attended as a Special Invitee, a great gesture of the IISSM for a part time Visiting Faculty, and thus my views were that of an outsider. But this time I was part of the team organising it and I know in my hearts

that the team left no stone unturned to make it a great success. When we began the meeting, we had done with the venue and the theme was finalised. The design of fliers for the event and gifts were all finished and ordered for production. I was amazed to see that with miniscule size of the team, everyday 100s of mail being shot to the dignitaries, panelists, sponsors, delegates and to say the least vendors. Seniors and our mentors kept on visiting us for extending help, review and advice on the preparations. While these preparations were just ON, we started functioning from a makeshift kind of a 'War Room', space was adequate enough to accommodate

all of us and offer a chair or two to our esteemed visitors and guests. We had one glass top table that was used for mini conference, meetings and sometime as dining table. Shortage of things, facilities or for that matter nothing could deter us or dampen our spirits. We kept on moving from one milestone to another. Neither shortage of space nor absence of mobile network could slow down the preparation nor limit our spirits for laughter as we kept managing these odds. We just walked up the stairs to bask the sun and talk. We also braved the smoke belching fast moving traffic pollution adding more to the Delhi smog. Truly nothing could stop our preparations, it

continued for more than a month without holidays or a break! We had moments when we were stressed up due to cancellations by the dignitaries as a regular feature. It goes without saying that everybody had to face something called urgent and unforeseen, beyond human control and so were we. The keynote speakers, ministers and panel discussion specialists were continued to change week after week but we always had more speakers lined up. This continued even during the actual conduct of the Conclave itself. These frequent changes were very easily absorbed by the ecosystem which we had developed and could produce new Version of the 'Schedule of Events' which went upto Version 21. Although at the secretariat of the IISSM, we were busy in making things work day after day, but there were people like Vishal, Ratna, Jyoti and Ashok who were giving all the support that was

needed to garner funds through advertisements and sponsorships, event management, fleet management, printing of the brochure, souvenir and big sign boards/hoardings, standees and so on continued silently till the last moment.

Just prior to the word "GO" we had a Press Conference and kudodos to the team who managed the media and the whole show at Constitution Club. Next day we had the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting followed by networking dinner wherein we started breaking bread with the who's who of the industry and then it started off. There were moments filled with loads of work, rushing from one corner of the venue to the other and in between some break for sumptuous lunch or dinner. We had it all. Some were busy in the backyard and some were in the forefront but all had hands full including the drivers who were not only doing their job but also extending helping

hand for which we never factored in our planning. This continued for three days and finally broke off by winding up all the stuff that we carried for the event.

This event was a great learning experience for me and I am sure it is true for all. It was again a display of Team Effort and sound leadership at all levels.

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Reader,

Greetings to you all!

The world witnessed the leaders of the G 20 (Group of 20 Nations) of which India is also a member congregated in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 30 Nov - 01 Dec 2018. It was observed that the leaders of this group were busy to strike a common ground to address the anomalies in the whole eco-system of global economy and the cracks were clearly visible. It had nothing concrete to offer as US 'Protectionism' and stand on 'Climate Change' was two major issues which divided the world. The signatories of the G20 except the USA accept the pledge of 'Full Implementation' of the Paris Agreement to bring down the global warming level to 2 degrees below the present level and the UN scientists are even more ambitious to achieve the level of 1.5 degree Celsius above the pre industrial era. Well, President Trump may not agree to the deal but whole world knows who has contributed maximum to the global warming. Thus, it is a foregone conclusion that if it is not today, tomorrow they will have to accept the Agreement. Sooner is the Better! In addition, G20 found the expression that the World Trade Organisation needs to be reformed. The trade imbalance is a major issue wherein majority of the nations are having trade deficit with China, the global manufacturing agency and thus was agreed to be reviewed in next summit in Tokyo in 2019.

Back home, the bonhomie due to opening up of the Kartarpur corridor by Pakistan for the pilgrims from India to visit the holy shrine was lost due to political slugfest, nevertheless, it's a great event to be remembered. Prime Minister Modi remarked and drawn a similarity to the fall of 'Berlin Wall,' which was actually unthinkable till it was brought down by the people. Although, there was huge support from the people from both the sides, Germany's unification was not an easy task, especially in economic terms. I would like to believe that the Radcliff Line is null and void for ever but that possibility is not even remote in this context. Well, there is a possibility to reduce tension across the international boundary (between India and Pakistan), provided a 'strong political Will' is displayed by the leadership. On this side, leadership is proven but none can be sure of the Pakistan as there is a 'Deep' state within the Pakistani establishment. But decision of opening of the Kartarpur corridor is a welcome change. While one should see the positive aspects of this decision, but one can't be so naive to believe that there could be no hidden agenda behind this gesture either. Whether it is a genuine goodwill gesture or something else, time will tell us in due course.

From the borders to the hinterland, people of five states of India have given their verdict for the respective state governments and the results will be out in next ten days. Based on the election results, political parties will set the ball rolling for national election in 2019 and may be new narratives are being played out. But I must say that coming election will be an interesting event.

Lastly we will talk of 28th IISSM Global Conclave for which hectic preparations were ON and it was a grand show.

Winter is setting in and we have already experienced some early snowing in the higher riches of the Himalayas. Hope this winter brings cheers to the farmers of the country specially apple growers of the country.

Thanks and Best Regards,
Col (Dr.) MP Sen