

Ablaze II- The second edition - March 23-24-25, 2018

Ablaze 2018, an annual inter college and university fest was organized by the ICFAI University Sikkim. Its aim was to provide a platform for the students to explore their talent in various fields through competition, co-operation and compassion. ICFAI believes in an all-round development of students. Apart from the text book and classroom pedagogy students should also be skilful in areas like digital literacy, communication skills, leadership skills, emotional intelligence, entrepreneurial spirit, problem solving in a team setting and global citizenship. Ablaze provided opportunities for the students from different colleges and universities to come together in comradeship and explore in concert. The students could apply theories and constructs they had learnt in the classroom to real life situations. All the events in the Fest were created to inspire, instigate and ignite young minds to reach out to their full potential.

Ablaze was a three day long Fest which spanned from 23rd to 25th of March, 2018. It was truly a special occasion for the ICFAI University Sikkim where different competitions were held simultaneously for these three days. On the 22nd of March, 2018 the pre- opening kick started at Café Infinity with its first event, Futsal. The chief guest for the event was Mr S. D. Dhakal, Secretary (Sports & youth Affairs) and the guest of honour was Mr. Menla Ethenpa, President of Sikkim Football Association (SFA).

23rd March, 2018, the first day of the fest was graced by Mr. Shakti Singh, Gangtok Mayor, as the chief guest. The Fest comprised of a total of 22 events, namely- Quiz, Painting, Singing, Chess, Carom, Debate, Dancing, Coding, Treasure Hunt, Badminton, Futsal, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Web Designing, Antakshari, Extempore, Best out of Waste, Collage Making, Best Manager, Tourism Tagline Competition, Effective Writing and Carving competition. The second day, i.e. 24th of March, 2018 was an eventful day too, filled with sports and other activities. ADGP (Law & Order) Mr. Akshay Sachdeva was the chief guest for the second day who inaugurated the program with a motivating message to the youth with regard to health, fitness and its importance. A healthy mind in a healthy body was his exhortation.

On 25th of March Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim Mr. Shrinivas Patil visited the university campus before proceeding towards Manan Kendra for the finale celebration of Ablaze 2018. Hon'ble Governor inaugurated the career counseling cell at the university premises. There was a tree plantation program as well. The final day of the Fest was organized in Manan Kendra where the valedictory function along-with a cultural program was held. The program also witnessed the unveiling of the ICFAI University Sikkim Prospectus-2018-19 at the blessed hands of the Hon'ble Governor. The final leg of finale celebration started with a memorial speech on Bedhiya Monger, a B Com graduate of 2017 who lost her life in a tragic accident earlier this month. One minute of silence was observed by the audience as a mark of love and respect to the departed

soul. The finale celebration concluded with Bedhiya Memorial concert wherein the famous Rock Band from Darjeeling, The Mantra, entertained the audience.







