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Certified Security Practitioner Course

The Certified Security Practitioner Course conducted by IISSM at New Delhi, from 06 – 09 Jan 2020 was a Great Success. The participants were from Ahmedabad, Chennai, Delhi, Ranchi & Bengaluru.

The sessions were conducted on Risk Management, Disaster Risk Management, Fire Safety Management, Baggage Scanning and Image Interpretation - Introduction, Incidence Response System & Crisis Management Framework, Corporate Vigilance - Overview & Preventive Aspects, ESS & Technological Applications in Security Management, Hospital, Hotel and Mall Security, Bank Security, IEDs and Bomb threat handling, Arms Act and Arms Licensing, Executive Protection and Role of PSO, Cyber Security & Data Protection, Latest technology in Fire Fighting, PSAR Act - 2005 - Need for review & Business Continuity Planning. In addition a Class Room Crisis Simulation Exer-

cise, on Flood Situation Management was conducted.

It was very heartening to witness very healthy interactions between the participants and the Faculty members. The Classroom Exercise received an Excellent Response from the Participants.

The Faculty Members who conducted the Course were Brigadier AK Pathak (Retd) & Col M P Sen (Retd), both from IISSM, Brigadier Vinod Dutta (Retd), Col. Gopal Verma and Col Vishu Sikka (Retd), all Guest Faculties.

All Participants have recommended that they would propagate this programme to be attended by their colleagues in the Profession. They felt that this course would help them to rearrange/improve their Security Management Planning.

Overall the course was very well appreciated.



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



Major Meenakshi Choudhary (Retd), Manager Security, Canara Bank, Delhi.

"Great Learning Experience."



Mr Neeraj K Tiwari, Sales & Marketing Director, Hitech Human Capital Pvt Ltd, Ahmedabad

"It was really helpful and knowledgeable course and I have learnt many things."



Mr Shaju P Varghese, Security Manager, ITC, Bangalore

"The overall program was well organized. The hospitality was good. All the trainers are well versed with their topics"



Capt P S Dheenadayalan (Retd), Manager Security, Canara Bank, Chennai.

"The Course is good & required for a person in security field to give insights in various areas. An enlightening program in other fields like Corporate Se-

curity, Hospital, Mall & Executive Protection Program etc."

Dear Readers,

Greetings to you all!

We have already been almost a month into the New year of 2020. Although, we have celebrated Lohri/ Maker Sankranti/ Magh Bihu and Pongal in the mid of the month which is considered to be the beginning of the spring and considered to be the formal announcement of end of the winter season. According to the traditional Hindu system, the Sun, having reached its southernmost point winter solstice), turns to the north again and re-enters the zodiac sign of Makara (Capricorn), usually on January 14 (now 15 January since 2008 for next 72 years) and continues to Northwards (Uttarayan). We in North India know and celebrate Lohri and Makar sankranti with ritual fire and bathing in the holy Ganges (preferably) respectively, but many of us don't know much about Pongal and Magh Bihu which are two major festivals of this country, let us revisit these two festivals one by one.

The Pongal is celebrated by the Tamils in India (Tamil Nadu and Pudduchery), Sri Lanka and enter Tamil Diaspora (Malaysia, Mauritius, South Africa and Singapore and elsewhere across the world. During this festival, Pongal dish(Rice cooked in milk and cane juice or white sugar) cooked in a clay pot that is generally decorated with flowers with leaves or garlands, sometimes tied with a piece of turmeric root or marked with pattern artwork called *kolam*. It is either cooked at home, or in community gatherings such as in temples or village open spaces or even at a place of gettogether or in an open space/courtyard of the offices wherever there is space for congregation. It is the ritual dish along with many other courses prepared from seasonal foods and offered to the gods and goddesses first, followed sometimes by cows, then to friends and family gathered.

As regards, Magh Bihu is concerned, it is also a 'three day' harvest festival celebrated in Assam, North-East India, which marks the end of harvesting season in the month of Magh (January–February). This is also known as Bhogali Bihu (Bihu of Eating). On the eve of Bihu, entire night (Uruka) is spent around the Meji (Fire) with people singing bihu songs and dancing at the beats of 'Dhol'. Next day in the morning they will take bath in the river and offer prayers to the Meji (Fire) and mark the end of the harvesting season of the year. On the third day, they celebrate all across and distribute rice cakes (Pitha) and visit people to meet and greet. Large number of cultural and community functions are also held during these three days.

Since January is not only beginning of the calendar year but this is also the month wherein India celebrates its Republic Day with much pomp and show. On 26th of this month, India showcased its military prowess along with glimpse of diverse culture through various tableaus befitting to the the stature of this national festival. This is not only ceremonially grand but it reaffirms our commitment to the Constitution and the democratic values that is enshrined in it. On this occasion, the President hosts a foreign dignitary as the Chief Guest for the ceremonial parade at the Rajpath and witness this mega event.

At the end let me conclude this editorial by saying: Long Live, Republic of India!

Jai Hind!

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