



Dear Members,

Dear Members, Seasons Greetings! We begin the year with our Spring edition of Quarterly newsletter of PMI West Bengal Chapter - KONNECT. The Chapter started the New Year with a well appreciated knowledge sharing session on Session on " Importance of Spiritual & Emotional Intelligence to build a winning team" by Mr. Tapan Bose, faculty from S. P. Jain Institute of Management & Research. After the PMP exam changes post 11-Jan-2016, PMI West Bengal Chapter (PMIWBC) organized the first PMP preparatory training program workshop with candidate participation from renowned corporate.

We would like to thank volunteer leaders of the region across industries who had been volunteering for the Chapter for its activities on a continuous basis. We sincerely need your support to expand our membership base this year along with our voluntary base. On monthly basis we would share various voluntary opportunities for you to participate. We want to make the engagement of our volunteers rewarding and motivating. Encourage each one of you to join the chapter, be a volunteer for a cause and make a difference for yourself

Looking forward for a very engaging 2016

Cheers,
Editor's Desk

COVER STORY **How to effectively plan Project Closure: Picnic- Necessity of proper waste disposal and remediation**

Concept of a picnic - A picnic at work is a celebration. A picnic is also often a team activity/outing performed to celebrate success of a project or simply to denote a project closure. This activity generally is assigned a share of the project budget. Normally all team members located in the same geography participates in such team activity. While same activities happen if part of the project is situated in different area of geography around almost same time or in few day. Normally this celebration is for any and all accomplishments to motivate other team members who lack behind. Many a time a project closure celebration is done on some other common eve or holiday which may be a little prior approaching project closure time when outcomes are already

Project - While picnic at work is a team activity, picnic itself can be considered as a project. Here we plan, discuss and execute the project picnic, care should be taken for the closure too. We spend our time on having fun and amusement; we need to take care of the hygiene of the picnic place too.

While having fun on a picnic, we also need to ensure others too have the opportunity to have pleasure of the picnic place or at least let not live others with displeasure of wastes scattered on any place specifically a picnic place.

With the advent of many Government /Non-Government initiatives, majority of the picnic places has got waste bins around and places to cleanse with water.

When we leave a picnic ground after enjoyment, any place must not look like below



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In case some of us are familiar with the picnic place or not in the above picture; am sure must be at least little unhappy about the condition of the place and the hygiene factor after a picnic.

Now what to do!

Can we afford to close this place for further picnic(s)? No. We can but we won't. This calls for effective planning of closure of activity/project.

There are waste bins inside that picnic premises that could/can be used. Whether waste bins will get emptied or not that should be a later thought once we are able to dump wastes in waste bins

In case the picnic place is nearby to home of shrubs and more, a good substitute of non-bio-degradable plates, glass, cups, etc can be made up of leaves (bio-degradable substance).

Why leaf plates? Reasons are as follows : -

- a) Readymade leaf plates, bowls are available in the market in Asian countries like India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, etc that can be ready help.
- b) Most of the picnic places chosen above and beyond geographical borders has got shrubs around. Plucking up leaves and preparing plates or vessels out of it can be another option.
- c) Cost-effective option that can be chosen off course when the number of heads is not huge.

A Palas tree has got it's medicinal properties, as well as it's leaves are a good option to prepare leaf plate. The dimension of these leaves are kind of circular providing a huge area per leaf. Only three-four mid-size leaf is good enough to make a big leaf plate. A big Palas leaf diameter ranges 11inch on an average and itself can serve as a food plate or vessel. On an experimental note, fresh leaves plucked from a young Palas tree are rinsed in water and put with thin dried branches collected from ground.



Next Palas leaves are put together with the help of dried branches to prepare leaf plates.

Binding is fun, Awaited is bun; When your plate is done, Hunger ate bun.

Sounds like a rhyme ☺

It's a different experience of leaf-plate making, prepare to discover and enjoy the pleasure.

Quick gist on project closure while staying focussed on necessity of waste disposal on picnic places/project team celebration: -

- 1.The bottom line is in case there are chunks of piece of work anticipated remaining at the end of the current project, those chunks has to be carried forward to next timely iteration for completion.
- 2.In case all work is complete/anticipated to be completed by end of the current project schedule, it is a timely successful completion and success should be celebrated.
- 3.Any/all learning from a current project has to be documented, shared and referred for future use.
- 4.A project closure outing/meet should better be known to the team for crystal clear understanding of current status of the project.



Picture: Leaf plates made up of Palas leaves.

This article is contributed by Moumita Adhikary



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After getting PMP certified on May 2013, I decided to join as PMIWBC volunteer in the training portfolio to collect PDU which is required to renew the PMP certification but after joining I realized its something more than this. It helped me to keep myself updated with the PMI's new developments also to interact with several professionals from various renowned companies and their experiences which helped me a lot to develop myself as a professional. I am feeling very proud to say that within 6 months of joining I was appreciated as the "VOQ- Autumn 2014". Volunteering my time for chapter increased my opportunities for leadership ,collaboration, networking and enhanced my professional profile. I can add this volunteer experience in linked in profile too and it is equally valuable as paid work experience. I have integrated this with my professional profile and got the benefit in my job-life. Overall its a good experience and will continue the same in coming years.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Volunteers Speak Power of Volunteering



*Pratik Singh, PMP, Project
Manager, Tata Communications*

Volunteering in PMI West Bengal Chapter is something I always look forward to. Helping in the activities of the Chapter gives a sense of achievement and satisfaction that we are doing something in this region and taking the PMI West Bengal to the people. Apart from the happiness we also get the opportunity to interact and create networking with people in Project Management field. I urge people to become an active volunteer and participate in various affairs organised by the chapter, form networking, make friends, add PDUs, renew the certificate, take guidance on career and certification and to get new learning experience.



*Jaydeep Chakraborty, PMP Consultant –
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It was indeed a pleasant experience to receive the recognition for volunteering work for the PMI West Bengal Chapter (PMIWBC) in the AGM on 19-Sep-2015. The journey started off with being a faculty for the PMP exam preparation session in Feb 2015 and then the other opportunities followed. It helped me to reach out to and network with professionals beyond my organization. This recognition from the chapter was also appreciated by PMI India and coined as setting an example how a Champion can collaborate with the Chapter. Such opportunities from PMIWBC helped me with a platform for learning and sharing, and personally contribute to corporate social responsibility initiatives of my organization



*Supratim Sen, PMP, Junior Engineer,
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I have a passion for writing and by volunteering with PMI, I have got one of the platform to explore my ideas and expressions. PMI WB has given me the opportunity to sharpen my leadership skills, improving communication capabilities, identifying my limits and strengths, showing positive impact in my careers and help to build the network and relationships with large pool of professionals of different industries and associations. The chapter gives me the opportunity to connect with people of common interests but different cultural norms. Involving with the chapter give additional experiences that I haven't got in day to day work. Love to work with the people who are passionate to share their knowledge and experiences for a cause. By volunteering with PMI WB Chapter , only I can quote some famous words by Helen Keller " I am only one, but still i am one. I can not do everything, but still I can do something. And because I can not do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do."



Announcement/Events

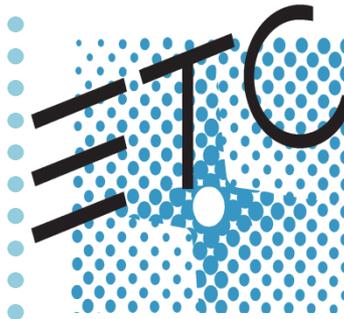
PMI WBC organized its **EGM** for 2016 on 20th February at Regus office Salt lake, Kolkata to renew the Society membership and discuss other initiatives for 2016

Learn & Earn Session on “Importance of Spiritual & Emotional Intelligence to build a winning team” 16th Jan 2016.

The seminar was conducted by Mr. Tapan Bose, faculty from S. P. Jain Institute of Management & Research (SPJIMR). Mr. Tapan Bose have been a renowned Program Manager and a champion in Project Management Field with vast experience in IT Sector.

People from various industries participated in this highly enriching session on Spiritual and Emotional Intelligence and how it can be used in building a winning Team and there was an excitement among the participants on the topic. Learning the importance of Spiritual and Emotional Intelligence in project management was indeed a knowledgeable session.

The seminar ended by question and answer session where the participants queries and questions were satisfactorily answered and the speaker was facilitated with the token of appreciation



Etc that matters

Second PMI Regional Conference

PMI Trivandrum, Kerala Chapter hosted the second PMI India Project Management Regional Conference along with the PMI Chennai Chapter on February 13, 2016.

The theme was ***"Innovating Project Management for Higher Impact"*** with focus on innovative and creative adaption of proven Project Management techniques that will yield better results and help organisations make a higher impact in the country's economy and thereby lead to India creating a much higher impact in the world economy.

PMI India Project Award Winners speak

Manage India speaks to PMI India Project of the year 2015 award winners to uncover the secret to their success.

Link:

<http://www.pmi.org.in/manageindia/volume6/issue05/cover.story.html>



Chapter welcomes our new members

A warm welcome and hearty wishes for a successful career in project management.

Ms. Moumita Adhikary	●	Mr. Amit Mukhopadhyay	●	Mr. Ayan Roy
Mr. Arindam Chakraborty	●	Mr. Kedo Nagi	●	Mr. Amitavo Sen
Mr. Sudeb Chakraborty	●	Mr. Abir Naha	●	Mr. Pratik Singh
Mr. SWAROOP DUTTA	●	Mr. Palash Nandi	●	Mr. Manoj Sinha
Ms. Bitan Ghosh	●	Mr. Sukanta Nandi	●	Mr. Santosh Tiwary
Mr. Subhajit Ghosh	●	Mr. Jay Pal	●	Mr. Sooryateja Vandrangi
Mr. Ashok Kumar	●	Mr. Ganesh Pichaimurthi	●	

New PMP Trained batch -2016

Post PMP examination changes effective 11-Jan-2016, PMI West Bengal Chapter (PMIWBC) organized the first PMP preparatory training program on 7th & 8th and 13th & 14th Feb 2016

11 participants from various companies like IBM, TCS, Steel Plantech India, Currie & Brown Pvt. Ltd and Microsec Heath Buddy Limited, all based at Kolkata, registered for the session.



Gathering the inertia, time was spent effectively learning from each other on the auspicious day of the Swaraswati Puja and for the good part of the Valentine's Day, too.

Snap clicked with future 11 PMPs 😊

Volunteer of the Quarter

“Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something”; Chapter recognizes and appreciates the effort and support of volunteers for their contribution

Special
Appreciation as
“Volunteer of
Quarter, Spring
2016” goes to
Pratik Singh



PMI West Bengal Chapter leadership would like to thank Pratik for his continuous contribution to the chapter initiatives for Communication portfolio. This prestigious award of the chapter is in recognition of your leadership to take forward PMI West Bengal Chapter initiatives in the region successfully aligned with its vision

Congrats Pratik!

Share your thoughts and suggestions to pmiwbc.communication@pmiwbc.org

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