The Second edition of Romancing Print in the Eastern Region was held at Students’ Health Home, Agartala, Tripura on July 7th 2019 and hosted by the Offset Press Owners’ Association, Tripura. Raveendra D. Joshi, President AIFMP was the Chief Guest and Dibyajyoti Kalita, Past President AIFMP, A. Senthil Kumar, Vice President South AIFMP, C. Ravinder Reddy, Hon. Jt. Secretary AIFMP, Shahjahan Kazi, GC Member AIFMP, and C. Prakash Babu, GC Member AIFMP and past Treasurer, past Hon. Jt. Secretary and past HGS AIFMP were the Guests of Honour. Mr. Raj Kamal Gohain, Member AAPOA was also in attendance.

After a Welcome Song, the Welcome Address was delivered by President of Offset Press Owners’ Association, Tripura and GB Member AIFMP, Kanti Lal Baidya. Following addresses by the Guests of Honour, President AIFMP in his address expressed his happiness that a newly affiliated association has come forward and has arranged Romancing Print in an area untouched by AIFMP earlier.

The First Technical Session was on Machinery Maintenance by Mr. Dijen Kalita, Maintenance Engineer Prakash Offset. He spoke at length on the importance of daily lubrication, cleaning and inspection of machinery and also stressed that owners should regularly take stock of whether these tasks are been done before and after production.

The Second Technical Session on GST and its Applicability to Printers was delivered by Mr. Mangal Debbarman, Inspector of Taxes, Tripura. He spoke on GST mechanism, incidence with relevance to printers. He assured all help from the Tax Department to the printers in sorting out GST compliance issues and also conducted a question and answer session for specific problems of printers in this field.
The Third Session was held post lunch and was conducted by Mr. RK Giri, Director MSME-DI Agartala. He spoke on cluster formation and Udyog Aadhaar and its importance and on the need for printers in Tripura to register on the government procurement portal.

The Fourth Session was conducted by Mr. Nitul Nath, Manager SBI Agartala on Bank Finance. He spoke on the various schemes that were available for printers where finance could be availed without collateral, especially Mudra Loans for small investments and SME Loans.

The Closing Address was delivered by Raghabendra N. Dutta Baruah, Vice President East AIFMP where he thanked the honoured guests, participants and speakers for their time and effort to participate in the programme. He also thanked M/s. Hitech Reprographics, Agartala, dealer of Konica Minolta and Sharp for their support and display of equipment for the benefit of printers.

Over 100 printers and industry participants registered for the programme. Many participants expressed their happiness and satisfaction that such a programme has been held at Agartala which gave them an opportunity to learn new things and hoped that more such programmes would be held in the future.