

# 'Be shameless in seeking knowledge'

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**Trichy:** It is important to be shameless in seeking knowledge and peer learning is the best form of learning, said Muthukumar Thanu, chief human resource Officer of TAFE group. He was delivering the keynote address at the inauguration of the sixth batch of Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) and the seventh batch of Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM) at Indian Institute of Management-Trichy here on Tuesday.

According to him, today's world valued talents like ideation, clarity of thought and expression, certainty in the face of ambiguities, ability to set direction and finding opportunities in adversities. "This institute is an experiential laboratory.

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Kumar Ramanathan, CEO and MD, Positive Integers, said, “We are moving from a world of physicality to digital. We are living in an increasingly instrumented, interconnected and intelligent world. This would have serious ramifications on humans, one being machines growing faster than humans”.

He also shared four cardinal principles with the students - keep away the career growth ladders of the corporate world, stay curio-

us, expect numerous cycles of learning and obsolescence and develop the ability to master the rescue act.

Dr Bhimaraya Metri, director of IIM Trichy, said that the new batch of PGP and FPM students was the luckiest as they will be starting their course from the new campus spanning 175 acres with state-of-the-art library and research centres.

A global restructuring is happening with more and more countries getting added to the list of aging nations - America, China, Japan and the young population of Africa taking over

the world in future. Hence, he advised the students to position themselves to do things differently.

During the event the students of PGP 2016-18 batch were felicitated for their academic achievements. Students who ranked first at the end of each of the three terms were awarded a book grant of Rs 2,000 and a certificate of merit.

Top 5 per cent of the students in terms of academic performance during the first year were placed in the director's merit list and awarded a book grant of Rs 5,000 and a certificate of merit.

Earlier, professor Smita Chattopadhyay, chairperson, FPR (Fellow Programme in Management & Research), welcomed the gathering and KS Manikandan, chairperson, PGP, proposed a vote of thanks.