



Subject: Inauguration of the 7th batch of Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Executive General Management (EGPM)

The Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli (IIM Trichy) inaugurated its 7th batch of Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Executive General Management on 19th October 2024. This one-year blended learning programme is specially structured for working professionals and aspiring executives, offering a holistic, cross-functional perspective to enhance decision-making and prepare them for managerial roles. The event was graced by the esteemed Chief Guest, **Mr. Shridhar Paidichetty**, Senior Vice President & Global Head - Client Lifecycle Management Operations, Standard Chartered Global Business Services, along with **Dr. Sanjay Salunkhe**, Chairman, Managing Director, and Founder of Jaro Education, **Dr. Saravanan P**, Dean of Corporate Relations and Faculty Affairs and Programme Directors **Prof. Smita Prashant Chattopadhyay**, and **Prof. Godwin Tennyson**.

The ceremony commenced with an invocation song and the lighting of the lamp. The Chief Guest, Mr. Shridhar Padichetty, delivered the inaugural address, expressing his gratitude to the program directors and IIM Trichy, and congratulating the new batch on joining the program. He emphasized the importance of continuous development, noting that the program would equip participants to tackle both present and future challenges. He highlighted the value of strategic thinking fostered by the course structure and the significance of understanding team diversity in driving performance—skills participants would develop through interactions with their diverse cohort over the coming year. Mr. Padichetty also underscored the networking opportunities with faculty, industry leaders, alumni, and peers, adding that the program could even serve as a platform to hire talent. He concluded by reflecting on the value of the IIM brand and the humility that the experience would instill, encouraging participants to cherish the journey and its insights, acknowledging that while the road ahead might be challenging, it is well worth taking.

Dr. Sanjay welcomed the attendees to a journey of transformation, stressing the importance of lifelong learning. He commended the participants for their commitment, noting that only 2% of the population is willing to sacrifice their weekends for self-improvement. He emphasized the significance of ethical leadership, urging everyone to uphold their values and integrity as they advance in their careers. Dr. Sanjay also reminded the audience that while money is just a concept, true success lies in the support of good people. He concluded by expressing his gratitude to IIM Trichy for offering such impactful programs.

In her welcome address, Prof. Smita warmly greeted the chief guests, participants, and dignitaries, providing an overview of the batch profile. She highlighted that the cohort consisted of 84 participants—75% male and 25% female—with an average of 7 years of work experience, representing a variety of industries and locations across India. She concluded by wishing everyone success in their journey ahead. Prof. Saravanan followed with a detailed overview of IIM Trichy's Executive Education & Consulting (EEC) programs, emphasizing the value of networking with the statement, "Your net worth is your network."

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Godwin Tennyson. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Shridhar Padichetty for his insightful advice, to Dr. Sanjay for his inspiring words and corporate journey, and

to Prof. Saravanan for outlining IIM Trichy's EEC programs. Prof. Tennyson also extended his thanks to the EEC office and program directors for their contributions to the event.

The ceremony concluded with a rendition of the National Anthem.