



IIM Trichy's Sixth Annual Convocation

The **Sixth Annual Convocation** of the Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli, to award the title of the **Fellow of the Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli, Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM)** and the **Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management (PGDBM)**, was held on Saturday, 24th of March 2017 at 07:00 PM, IIM Tiruchirappalli Campus.

Dr. K. P. Krishnan, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, was the Chief Guest and **Shri. CK Ranganathan**, Chairman and Managing Director, **CavinKare** was the Guest of Honour for the convocation. **Shri. Jalaj Dani**, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Tiruchirappalli awarded the diplomas to one graduate from the Fellow Programme in Management, 176 graduates of Postgraduate Programme in Management (PGP) and 18 graduates of the Post Graduate Programme in Business Management (PGPBM). **Dr. Bhimaraya Metri**, Director, IIM Tiruchirappalli presented the Director's Report.

The Director, in his report, highlighted how special this occasion was as the sixth annual convocation was being celebrated in the state of the art 175 acres campus. Today is a proud moment, he remarked, as 176 PGP students, 18 PGPBM students and 1 FPM student are graduating today. The first FPM student from IIM Trichy graduated today, making the event very special. He commended the placements this year, remarking that a total of 95 companies participated in summer placements for the PGP 2017-19 batch this year as compared to 106 companies last year. The institute conducted 6 Insight Guest Lectures and 2 Distinguished Speaker Series this year. The Director wished the graduands with five mantras of success with the hope that they stand out in the corporate world. "Aim High; Set yourselves Himalayan Goals", "Have Focus, i.e Laser Focus on your Goals", "Keep learning and unlearning. Make learning a life-long habit. As our Institute's motto reads: Gyanam Anantham", "Be the first to adopt new ideas and technology" and "Maintain high standards of integrity".

The Chairman, BoG, IIM Trichy in his address welcomed the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour. He congratulated the graduating students for their achievement today. He asked the graduands to join him in thanking their family members, the faculty and non-teaching staff who are present to celebrate the end of a momentous journey and the beginning of a new one. He requested the graduands to uphold the highest standards of the institute and make them all proud. He reminded them that IIM Trichy is their home and requested them to come back. Together, they can go to the next level, he said. He also commended the leadership of the Board of Governors of IIM Trichy through their tireless dedication to the institute. He complimented the government for conceptualising the framework for granting the autonomy to the IIMs. Autonomy will ensure further raising the standards of the various IIMs, infuse a sense of competition in terms of pedagogical innovation, research, academic and industry cooperation and benefit from the ministry's overall guidance and support while running the institutes independently within the framework provided by the Act.

Dr. KP Krishnan, the Chief Guest in his address congratulated the graduands and said that they're on the cusp of a new start. He told them that learning knows no bounds, and that would take them from strength to strength in whatever career they pursue. He said that education has two dimensions – intrinsic and extrinsic. He stressed that skills for employability are emerging as a priority globally and there is a demand for new kinds of skills with technological advancements. This is where entrepreneurship will play a huge role. He stated that the IIMs signal a level of quality to the market to command a skill-wage premium. He advised them to learn to unlearn, unlearn to learn and unlearn and relearn. He told them that their degree combines the practical and theoretical knowledge and signifies excellence to the outside world. He finally stressed that they should continue the joy of learning and discovery by not only consuming knowledge but also by sharing it with people around them.

The Guest of Honour, Shri CK Ranganathan, in his address, congratulated the graduands on their achievement. He observed that MBA graduates tend to compare with their batchmates years from now. Everyone has their own

definition of success be it in terms of the position held in the organisation, amount of salary earned etc. He stressed that the students should count their success in terms of they number of people they have impacted or helped to grow in life. He said that academics provide an excellent platform to start, but that is not enough to reach the destination we aim for. He also stressed on the importance of EQ which consists of managing one self and managing others. He recommended self improvement books that helped him grow personally in his life and entrepreneurial ventures. To succeed in a business world, one needs strong EQ, leadership, the ability to inspire people and passion, he said. He urged the students to develop the habit of reading something relevant to their work or what they were pursuing and concluded by saying that thinking is important for them to realize their full potential.

Post awarding of the diplomas, the following students were honoured for their meritorious achievements and all-round performance:

1. IIM Tiruchirappalli **Chairperson's Gold Medal** for securing First Rank in Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM): *Ghayathrie S*
2. IIM Tiruchirappalli **Director's Gold Medal** for securing Second Rank in PGPM: *Harshal Bhageria*
3. **Canara Bank Gold Medal** for securing Third Rank in PGPM: *Lakshmi Priya Pillai*
4. **Punjab National Bank Gold Medal** for securing First Rank among Women Students in PGPM: *Ghayathrie S*
5. **ICSI Signature Gold Medal** for securing First Rank in PGPM: *Ghayathrie S*
6. **HDFC Bank Gold Medal** for academic proficiency in Finance and Accounting in PGPM: *Aradhyula Praveen Kumar*
7. **HDFC Bank Gold Medal** for academic proficiency in Marketing in PGPM: *Lakshmi Priya Pillai*
8. **Leela Chandrasekhara Menon Award** for the Outstanding Lady Student of the Year in PGPM: *Lakshmi Priya Pillai*
9. **Kotak Securities Gold Medal** for Best All Round Performance in PGPM: *Lakshmi Priya Pillai*
10. IIM Tiruchirappalli **Chairperson's Gold Medal** for securing First Rank in PGPBPM: *Shridhar Paidichetty*
11. IIM Tiruchirappalli **Director's Gold Medal** for securing Second Rank in PGPBPM: *Suraj Mathew Thomas*
12. **Punjab National Bank Gold Medal** for Best All Round Performance in PGPBPM: *Suraj Mathew Thomas*

Members of the Board of Governors, faculty members, graduating students, staff, parents, members of the media and other distinguished guests were present at the convocation ceremony. The solemn occasion concluded with the national anthem.

The **Fellow Programme in Management (FPM)** is the full time residential doctoral programme of IIM Tiruchirappalli. FPM was launched in 2012, and the first student from this batch graduated today. The main objective of this program is to provide doctoral candidates with a well-rounded exposure to become future academics. Students are provided an education in all areas of management and trained in rigorous research techniques. They are required to conduct research that would add to the body of knowledge in management and measure up to international quality benchmarks.

The **Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM)** is the two-year flagship programme of IIM Tiruchirappalli. Its main objective is to transform the young talents into competent and socially-responsible managers who will be capable of working in any sector and driving the organization through their exceptional leadership and performance. First batch of this program started in 2011.

The **Post Graduate Programme in Business Management (PGPBPM)**, a two-year programme for **working executives**, is offered at IIM Trichy's **Chennai Centre**. PGPBPM was launched in 2012, and the fourth batch of this programme graduated today. The curriculum of PGPBPM is aligned with the two-year PGPM programme offered at Trichy. The classes are held from Friday to Sunday, to suit the requirements of working executives.