

IIM Trichy Inaugurates PGPBM 2018-20 (7th Batch) and Presents Merit Awards for the Batch of 2017-19

Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli (IIM Trichy) inaugurated its seventh batch of Post Graduate Programme in Business Management in a ceremony held on 4th August, 2018 (Saturday). **Shri S N Pandey**, *Managing Director, Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited* graced the occasion as the *Chief Guest*.

The event began with an invocation and the lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address by Professor Karthik Dhandapani, Chairperson, PGPBM. He emphasized uniqueness of the programme for working executives as a 24 months programme with 800 hours of contact classes held over weekends at the Chennai campus of IIM Trichy. Mr. P Santhanam, Director, TransBiz Consulting and an alumnus of PGPBM 2014-17 Batch, IIM Trichy addressed the students. He congratulated the incoming batch for making it to IIM Trichy and guided them through the key elements of the program which according to him, focused on management competency, critical thinking, strategic thinking, leadership skills, ethical reasoning, collaboration, communication and entrepreneurial spirit. He also spoke about the pedagogy, rigour and erudite faculty present at IIM Trichy.

Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director, IIM Trichy in his address congratulated the students on their achievement of joining IIM Trichy. He said that the PGPBM 2018-20 batch was notable because it is the first PGPBM batch to have its inauguration ceremony at IIM Trichy's own campus and also because it will get an MBA degree. With a batch size of 36 and average work experience of 11.5 years, this batch is comparable to other international executive program batches. He stressed that Trichy is the Intellectual Capital of India, having been home to various Nobel laureates. He said that IIM Trichy will facilitate their learning to make them a great citizen of India and a great corporate leader.

The Chief Guest presented the Term Wise Merit Awards for best academic performance to Vidhu Saxena of the PGPBM 2016-18 Batch and Lakshminarayanan Govindraj, Kayalvizhi S, Vijaya and Krishnan C S of the PGPBM 2017-19 Batch. The Director's Merit Awards for PGPBM 2016-18 batch were presented to KVV Raghavan, Jeyesh Jaykhar JS, Vishu Saxena, Gautham Krishna Sukumaran, Shyam Kumar MS and Babu Sivalingam.

The Chief Guest presented the Best Industry Project award to students of PGPBM 2015-18 batch. The awardees are Pattabiraman N, Kapil Suresan, Suraj Mathew Thomas, Sowjanya Prathyusha PCHG and Uday Kiran Vemuru.

This was followed by the address by Chief Guest **Shri S N Pandey** who congratulated the students and appreciated the hard work they must have put in to make it this far. He spoke about the global economy interweaving his experience of more than thirty years in the oil and gas industry. He emphasized that any increase in the world's population also requires an increase in energy and 50% of this energy comes from the oil and gas sector. With a huge expected increase in demand for energy globally, more people are required in the industry and this is where he felt executives like the students from the PGPBM 2018-20 batch would fit in perfectly. He left them with two tenets to think about; one, they have to be very clear about what they want to do and why; and second, he urged them to take impossible targets, to take risks and achieve the impossible.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Jeyesh Jeykhar JS, Academic Secretary, PGPBM 2016-18 batch.

The event concluded with National Anthem.