

IIM Trichy inaugurates 10th PGPM, 8th FPM and 1st PGPM – HR Batches

IIM Tiruchirappalli (IIM Trichy) inaugurated its tenth batch of Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM), eighth batch of Fellow Programme in Management (FPM), and the first batch of Post Graduate Program in Management – Human Resources (PGPM-HR) in an online ceremony held on 12th August 2020 (Tuesday). The occasion was graced by the Chief Guests **Ms. Gauthami Tadimalla**, Founder- Life Again Foundation and **Shri Pushp Joshi**, Director – Human Resources, HPCL. The guests and students attended the inauguration ceremony virtually.

The event began with an invocation and the lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address by Program Convener **Dr. Upam Pushpak Makhecha**, Chairperson, PGPM - HR. **Prof. Sivakumar S**, Chairperson – PGPM gave an overview of the programmes.

Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director, IIM Trichy delivered a welcome note to the chief guests, alumni, students, and every stakeholder of the institution. He acknowledged the incoming batch to be a special one due to the launch of the PGPM-HR program and virtual inauguration happening despite the unprecedented situation in the country. He shared insights on campus, infrastructure, tradition, and batch profile of incoming batches at IIM Trichy. Adding to this, he also thanked the support received from faculty members, corporates, and alumni in making the institution one of the top B-schools in the country. He highlighted that people and planet are going to be the focus of attention in the management and higher education space. Further, he also stressed the relevance of New Education Policy 2020. He emphasised on the need for people managers today and hence the launch of the HR program to meet this need.

This was followed by the inaugural address by Chief Guest Ms. Gautami Tadimalla, where she highlighted the critical element of Human Resource Management in all professions and the need to treat every human as a special individual. She also stressed on how innovation is vital to grow and stay relevant in present times. She quoted ‘innovation leads to evolution which leads to greater achievements.’ She concluded by explaining how joy and happiness are important while taking decisions in life.

In his address, Chief Guest Mr. Pushp Joshi mentioned one of the Stephan King’s quotes “Talent is cheaper than table salt, what separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work.” He encouraged the students to devote 100% of their time for academics, experiential learning, and for working on themselves during these 2 years of their lives. He added that one must befriend himself for holistic development in life. He concluded by wishing the students and reminding them that one must accept failures and enjoy them to learn from them and grow.

The Director’s Merit Scholarships for best academic performance in the first year of the PGPM 2019-21 batch were announced and the winners are- Mr. Sounak Chatterjee, Ms. Sri Vaishnavi Karusala, Ms. Tejaswini Narala, Mr. Kasu Phani Sai Reddy, Ms. Divya Shika, Ms. Shwetha Kamath, Ms. Mounika Adusumalli, Ms. Meghana Mavathur, Mr. Gurhashmat Dhaliwal, Mr. Kunal Mehta, Mr. Paul Rohit, Mr. Sanket Nigam, Mr. Shubham Sharma, Mr. Shantanu Pandey, and Mr. Drikjit Aich.

The vote of thanks was proposed by **Professor Sujeet Kumar Sharma**, Chairperson, Fellow Programme and Research. The event concluded with National Anthem.