



## **IIM Trichy Inaugurates PGPBM 2020-22 (9<sup>th</sup> Batch) and Presents Merit Awards**

Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli (IIM Trichy) inaugurated its ninth batch of Post Graduate Programme in Business Management in a ceremony held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (Saturday). **Shri Ganesh Mani S, Director – Production, Hyundai Motor India Ltd** graced the occasion as the **Chief Guest**. Virtual inauguration of the programme was necessitated by the unprecedented conditions caused by the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event began with an invocation and the lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address by Dr. Deepak Srivastava, Dean (Academics) and programme overview by Professor Karthik Dhandapani, Chairperson, PGPBM. Ms. Lakshmi Priya, Manager, Rane Madras Ltd and an alumnus of PGPBM 2014-17 Batch, IIM Trichy addressed the students. She congratulated the incoming batch for making it to IIM Trichy and guided them through the key essentials which according to her lead to successfully leveraging the programme. She emphasized open-mindedness, sincerity and dedication, taking the employer, spouse and family members into confidence and managing work-study-life balance. She gave examples of how she applied learnings from the programme in her workplace. She also spoke about the pedagogy, rigour and dedicated faculty present at IIM Trichy.

Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director, IIM Trichy in his address congratulated the students on their achievement of joining IIM Trichy. With a batch size of 50 and average work experience of 8.5 years, this batch is comparable to other international executive program batches. He stressed that Trichy was the Intellectual Capital of India, having been home to various Nobel laureates and presidents. He said that IIM Trichy will facilitate their learning to make them a great citizen of India and a great corporate leader.

This was followed by the address by Chief Guest **Shri Ganesh Mani S** who congratulated the students and appreciated the hard work they must have put in to make it this far. He spoke about the challenges created by COVID19 and the need to create the inflection points in their career. He emphasized that the MBA gives a wider view of the business and economic environment and in addition to teaching what is to be done, it also teaches what path should be avoided. He suggested that adversity gives an opportunity and the time that the participants allocate for the coursework can be utilized for achieving bigger goals once the course is over. He also claimed that participants can use the executive MBA as an opportunity to develop an all-round personality. He warned that quickness is becoming the need of the hour as the definition of long-term and short term has shrunk from years to weeks. He shared his experience from the automotive industry and charged the participants with the responsibility to be growth drivers for taking the Indian economy to next level.

The Chairperson, PGPBM announced the Term Wise Merit Awards for best academic performance in Term IV of the PGPBM 2018-20 Batch to Arasuprakash S, Term V of the PGPBM 2018-20 batch to Mahesh Sundar N. Merit awards for the first year of the PGPBM 2019-21 Batch were also announced to be given to Ram Selvan V for Term I, Godse Rujul Mohan, K Srividya & Vatsavi S for Term II and N Nanda Kishore for Term III.

Director's Merit Awards to top 5% of the students in an entire batch of PGPBM 20118-20 identified based on their academic performance during the first year to Kamalaganesh T, Arasuprakash S, Balagee Ramiah, Tusar Kanti Giri, Mahesh Sundar N, Nibedita Shome and Rajesh R.

The awardees for Best Industry Project awards were S Sundarakamatchi, Rajarajan V V and Neha Viya Arora.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Mahesh Sundar, a student of PGPBM 2018-20 batch.

The event concluded with National Anthem.