



## **IIM Trichy Celebrates its Tenth Foundation Day**

IIM Tiruchirappalli (IIM Trichy) celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The day marks a decade since its inception as the 11<sup>th</sup> Indian Institute of Management of the country. Faculty, staff, and students on campus attended the event in person and virtually, and many others associated with the institute such as its former and current Chairmans, former Directors, Board members, current students, and alumni attended the celebration virtually as the institute webcast the event live.

The event was inaugurated with an invocation song and the lighting of the lamp by Dr. Godwin Tennyson, Director (i/c) & Dean (Administration), Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Dean (Academics), Prof. V. Gopal, Chairperson, Make a Difference (MAD) Project Coordination Team and Prof. S. Sivakumar, Chairperson, Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM). The Chief Guest, **Shri M. Damodaran, IAS (Retd.) and founding Chairman of IIM Trichy and Shri. Jalaj Dani, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Trichy, joined the event online.**

**Dr. Godwin** reminisced the institute's journey from a single room at NIT Trichy to one of the most beautiful campuses in the country in his welcome address. He spoke about the overwhelming response the institute received for its PGPM offering in the year it was introduced and how the institute has grown by leaps and bounds in just a decade of its existence. He attributed this feat to IIM Trichy's fraternity and the institute's ceaseless thirst for knowledge creation, sharing and dissemination.

The welcome address was followed by a video presentation titled "**The Dream Decade**" that depicted the milestones, achievements, and all major activities undertaken by the institute in the last 10 years.

**Shri Jalaj Dani** addressed the audience and expressed his gratitude to the **Chief Guest, Shri M. Damodaran**, for his trailblazing leadership, as well as the faculty, staff, corporate partners, alumni, other stakeholders for their contribution towards the institute. He was also grateful for the continuous guidance of the state and central governments. He fondly recollected some of the milestones achieved by IIM Trichy and emphasised his firm belief in their current leadership's capabilities in continuing to achieve greater heights in the years to come.

The Foundation Day Address was delivered by **Shri M. Damodaran** who thanked everyone associated with IIM Trichy and its dream and wished everyone a healthy new year. He spoke about IIM Trichy's rich and vibrant culture and shared anecdotes of his appointment as the Chairman of the institution. He spoke about the challenges the institute has faced in transforming into one of India's most beautiful campuses. He motivated students to move from their present performance to their maximum potential and to keep continuing with the same attitude. He emphasized the importance of collective wisdom and advised the students to be happy but not content and to appreciate finer aspects like being with oneself, analyzing ourselves and our work, contemplating, and improving to become a better person. He mentioned how hobbies are as important as extra-curricular, co-curricular, and other professional activities. He suggested initiatives through which IIM Trichy can carve out its own identity and how it can benefit from the opportunities the new education policy provides.

He encouraged the institute to inculcate an entrepreneurial mindset in the dynamic business environment. He talked about the importance of moving hand in hand to overcome obstacles and challenges to make the institute an even bigger success.

**Prof. Gopal** then briefed about the MAD project and emphasised its importance in making management students socially sensitive & empathetic, especially to rural life problems with the help of field visits and immersion. He also highlighted how MAD project got integrated with Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan and the way it was implemented during the global pandemic. **Prof. Sivakumar** announced awardees of MAD - PGPM 19-21 batch and appreciated students' efforts towards the project.

The ceremony concluded with **Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Dean (Academics)** delivering vote of thanks, which was followed by the National Anthem.