

IIM Trichy inaugurates the first batch of Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Banking and Finance (PGCBF)

The Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli held the inauguration ceremony for the first batch of the Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Banking and Finance on Sunday, January 30, 2022. Shri Raman Aggarwal, Director, Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) was the chief guest for the ceremony.

The event started with an invocation and the lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address by the Programme Director, Prof. V. Gopal. He welcomed the incoming batch and mentioned about the increasing integration of BFSI services in our lives. He informed about the resources and facilities at IIM Trichy for facilitating the upskilling and education of managers and professionals from the industry. In his address, Prof. Prashant Gupta, chairperson-Executive Education & Consulting (EEC), spoke about the ever-growing BFSI sector in India and the need for finance-oriented courses.

Dr. Sanjay Salunkhe, MD and founder of Jaro Education, then addressed the audience. He highlighted the importance of specialised education in banking and finance in the VUCA world. He urged the students to make the best use of the resources and network provided by this programme.

Dr. Pawan Kumar Singh, Director IIM Trichy, then addressed the gathering. He shared with the students five key habits for academic success– being consistent while pursuing academic goals, managing pace to thrive in the competitive industry, bridging the gap between theory and practice, being well versed with the technical know-how and terminology of one’s specialisation, and having a macro perspective of one’s field. He also stressed the importance of proactively balancing academic and personal commitments.

The Chief Guest, Shri. Raman Aggarwal, Director FIDC, delivered the inaugural address. He gave the students insights into the dimensions of the BFSI sector namely its social function as the heart and soul of every household, economic function as a component of macro and micro growth, legislative function as a factor in landmark laws in the country, and the political function as a key element of all policies. He also talked about the innovation in the sector through initiatives like NeoBanks, Jan Dhan, digital payments and how it will require an ever more efficient managerial force to support this revolution. He then outlined the journey of NBFCs and Fintech in India and their massive management requirements. He also talked about his relationship with IIM Trichy over the years and thanked the institute for its contribution to the industry.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Programme Director, Prof. Prashant Gupta. The inauguration ceremony concluded with the recitation of National Anthem.

