

IIM Tiruchirappalli Hosts its Fourteenth Convocation: A Milestone of Achievement, Reflection, and Responsible Leadership

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As the Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli convened for its Fourteenth Convocation, the occasion marked not merely the conferment of degrees, but a defining moment in the journeys of its graduating cohort, one shaped by intellectual rigour, resilience, and a readiness to navigate an increasingly complex world.

Bringing together students, faculty, leadership, and families, the ceremony stood as both a culmination of years of effort and a transition into roles of responsibility, leadership, and impact.

A Ceremony of Continuity, Achievement, and Transition

The convocation ceremony was graced by **Shri Vijay Sankar**, Chairman of The Sanmar Group and Senior Vice President, FICCI, as the Chief Guest, and presided over by **Shri Jalaj Dani**, Chairman of the Board of Governors, IIM Tiruchirappalli, in the presence of **Dr. Godwin Tennyson**, Director (In-charge), IIM Tiruchirappalli.

The formal proceedings, beginning with the academic procession and followed by the award of degrees and medals, reflected the Institute's long-standing academic traditions by symbolising both continuity and renewal. As graduates stepped forward to receive their degrees, the ceremony captured a moment of transformation from learners within an institution to professionals prepared to engage with the wider world.

Annual Report of the Institute by the Director (In-charge): Academic Progress and Institutional Growth



Dr. Godwin Tennyson, Director (In-charge), presenting the Institute's annual report.

Presenting the annual report for the academic year 2025–26, Dr. Godwin Tennyson highlighted the Institute's continued advancement across academic programmes, research, and institutional initiatives.

The **Doctoral Programme in Management** admitted 11 scholars during the year, alongside 9 participants in the Executive Doctoral Programme, with **3 scholars graduating** at the convocation. Their work, presented at national and international conferences and published in reputed journals, reflects the Institute's growing research footprint. The academic year also witnessed the organisation of 17 research seminars and a research workshop, strengthening the Institute's research ecosystem.

At the postgraduate level, the **Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM)** has **407 students graduating** this year. The curriculum was enriched through 69 elective courses and engagement with 66 industry experts, ensuring strong alignment with contemporary business practices. Academic excellence was recognised through merit awards for 15 students, while 18 students benefited from the Institute's academic fee waiver scheme.

The **Post Graduate Programme in Human Resources (PGPM HR)** continued to deepen its domain focus through structured mentorship and industry engagement, with **50 students**

graduating. Similarly, the **Post Graduate Programme in Business Management (PGPBM)**, designed for working professionals, maintained strong industry relevance through live projects and practitioner-led learning, with **50 graduates completing the programme.**

Student Excellence Across Domains



Awardees of the Fourteenth Convocation, IIM Tiruchirappalli.

The academic year 2025–26 witnessed significant student achievements across academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular domains. **Student-led clubs and interest groups organised over 100 events**, including flagship initiatives such as Dhruva 2026, and an international-level economic case competition.

Academic excellence was recognised through the conferment of prestigious awards at the convocation. In the **Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM)**, **Kommanaboina Lakshmi Prasanna** was awarded the Chairperson’s Gold Medal for securing the first rank, while **Sushmita C** received the Director’s Gold Medal for securing the second rank, and **Bhimani Neelkumar Devshi Jaya** secured the third rank and was also recognised for Best All-Round Performance. **Mona Balasubramanian** was conferred the Leela Chandrasekhara Menon Cash Award for Outstanding Lady Student of the Year.

In the **Post Graduate Programme in Human Resources (PGPM-HR)**, **Mutayyib Muhammad Khan** secured the first rank, followed by **Sagnik Dutta** as the second rank holder, while **Visvanathan A** was recognised for Best All-Round Performance. In the **Post Graduate Programme in Business Management (PGPBM)**, **Sai Sravya Lakshmi R** secured the first rank, **Sivapriya K** the second rank, and **K Ganapathy Sivasubramanian** was recognised for Best All-Round Performance.

On the sports front, students delivered a strong performance at the **Inter-IIM Sports Meet hosted by IIM Bangalore**, securing multiple gold medals and achieving **an overall third position**. The Institute also recorded **national-level successes** in prestigious competitions, including the **CFA Institute Research Challenge**, where students emerged as joint national winners and advanced to the Asia South round, along with multiple wins and podium finishes across leading corporate and academic competitions.

Global Engagement and International Collaborations

The Institute continued to expand its global footprint through **academic partnerships with 16 international universities**. During the academic year, 19 students participated in exchange programmes across institutions in France, Portugal, the United States, and South Korea.

New collaborations were established with institutions in Germany and the United States, further strengthening international engagement. The **International Week** hosted on campus brought together global faculty from leading institutions, offering specialised courses that enhanced cross-cultural and academic exposure.

Social Responsibility and Community Engagement

Social responsibility remained integral to the Institute's philosophy. The **Make a Difference projects**, embedded within the curriculum, focused on social entrepreneurship, with multiple student groups working on impactful grassroots initiatives.

Student-led efforts through initiatives such as **Elixir** extended to school development projects, sanitation drives, and community engagement programmes, **impacting over 1,500 students** and reinforcing the Institute's commitment to inclusive and sustainable development.

Industry Interface and Placement Outcomes

The Institute witnessed strong placement outcomes during the year, reflecting sustained

recruiter confidence. A total of **77 pre-placement offers** were extended across programmes, with Banking & Finance, IT and analytics, FMCG, consulting, and manufacturing emerging as key sectors.

Final placements saw **participation from 274 companies for the PGPM batch, with 367 offers extended**, while **58 companies participated in placements for the PGPM-HR batch**. The year recorded a significant increase in offers across both programmes, underscoring the Institute's strong industry alignment.

Faculty, Research, and Knowledge Ecosystem

Faculty strength was further enhanced during the year, with continued contributions to high-quality research. The Institute recorded **56 publications** in peer-reviewed international journals, alongside contributions to books, case studies, and conference proceedings.

The Institute's journal, in partnership with Emerald Publishing, continued to expand its global reach, while the **Learning Resource Center** strengthened its position as a **comprehensive academic resource**, with access to extensive digital and print collections, supporting research and learning across disciplines.

Executive Education and Industry Engagement

The Executive Education and Consulting vertical continued to strengthen the Institute's engagement with industry, delivering customized programmes that reached **over 1,400 professionals**, while expanding its footprint through digital and blended learning initiatives across geographies.

Alumni Engagement and Contribution

Alumni continued to remain an integral part of the Institute's ecosystem, serving as mentors, collaborators, and ambassadors of its values across industries and geographies. Their sustained engagement was reflected through active participation in mentoring initiatives, guest lectures, admissions processes, and academic collaborations, contributing meaningfully to the learning experience of current students.

Campus Development and Sustainability

The year also witnessed significant developments in campus infrastructure, including the addition of new hostel facilities, enhanced dining capacity, and expanded classroom spaces, complemented by sustainability efforts such as the introduction of electric vehicles within the campus.

Accreditations, Rankings, and Institutional Recognition

The Institute further strengthened its global standing through the reaccreditation of its MBA programmes by **AMBA in 2025, placing it among the top 2% of business schools worldwide**. Progress towards **AACSB accreditation** marked another significant milestone in its journey towards global academic excellence.

In national rankings, IIM Tiruchirappalli secured the **16th position in the NIRF 2025 Management category** reflecting its growing reputation and impact.

Chairman's Address on Leadership and the Evolving Nature of Decision-Making



Shri Jalaj Dani addressing the gathering at the Fourteenth Convocation of IIM Tiruchirappalli.

Delivering his address, **Shri Jalaj Dani, Chairman of the Board of Governors**, reflected on the evolving nature of leadership in an increasingly uncertain and dynamic world. Framing his message around the realities of ambiguity and rapid change, he urged graduates to think beyond conventional markers of success and focus on the quality of their judgment in moments that truly matter.

Posing a thought-provoking question to the graduating cohort,

“When the ground beneath you is shifting... and no one in the room has the answer, what do you do?”

—Shri Jalaj Dani, Chairman of the Board of Governors, IIM Tiruchirappalli

He highlighted that uncertainty is no longer an exception, but a constant condition that future leaders must learn to navigate.

Emphasising the essence of decision-making, he noted that in both professional and personal contexts, individuals will ultimately be defined not by the resources they command, but by **“the clarity of thought in the moment of decision.”** He underscored that this ability, cultivated over time, becomes the most reliable anchor in times of ambiguity.

Reflecting on the role of the Institute in shaping this capability, he remarked that IIM Tiruchirappalli’s learning environment goes beyond imparting knowledge, focusing instead on building the capacity to think critically, adapt, and respond with perspective on **“not what to think, but how to think.”**

He concluded by encouraging graduates to ground themselves in honesty, reflection, and collaboration, reminding them that while the future may remain uncertain, the strength of their thinking and character will define how they navigate it.

Chief Guest’s Address: On Choices, Character, and the Meaning of Success



Honouring the Chief Guest, Shri Vijay Sankar



Shri Vijay Sankar delivering the convocation address

In his convocation address, **Shri Vijay Sankar** shared reflections drawn from his personal and professional journey, offering graduates a perspective grounded in humility, responsibility, and self-awareness.

Acknowledging the role of family support, he began by expressing gratitude to parents, recognising the belief and encouragement that underpin each student's journey. Reflecting on his own path, he noted that while individuals may begin with different advantages, ***"it is not the set of cards you are dealt with, but what you do with them"*** that ultimately defines one's journey.

Emphasising the realities of professional life, he highlighted that failure and difficulty are inevitable, and that the way one responds to failure becomes a defining factor in long-term success. He encouraged graduates to view the early years of their careers as formative, where decisions made away from visibility shape future trajectories.

Drawing from his experiences, he outlined **four guiding principles: persistence, positivity, preparation, and people** as essential qualities that distinguish effective professionals. Through personal anecdotes, he underscored values of responsibility, resilience, and humanity, while also reminding graduates that meaningful impact often lies beyond recognition.

He further highlighted the importance of contributing to society, noting that the most significant work is often unseen, and encouraged graduates to find ways to give back meaningfully as they progress in their careers.

A Moment of Transition, A Lifetime of Responsibility

As the Fourteenth Convocation drew to a close, the ceremony stood as a reminder that education is not merely about achievement, but about responsibility. Each graduating student leaves not only with a degree, but with the ability to think critically, act ethically, and lead with purpose in an increasingly complex world.

Knowledge as the Enduring Foundation

While the convocation marks the completion of a formal academic journey, it also signals the beginning of a lifelong pursuit of learning and contribution. As graduates move forward, they carry with them not just knowledge, but the responsibility to apply it with clarity, courage, and integrity.

About IIM Tiruchirappalli

Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli (IIM Trichy) is a premier business school established in 2011 under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Known for its strong academic rigour and focus on socially responsible leadership, the Institute offers flagship MBA programmes, executive education, and research driven initiatives across disciplines. Its academic quality and global orientation are reflected in its **NIRF 2025 Management ranking of 16**, its **AMBA accreditation** and its status as a **member of the AACSB Business Education Alliance**, placing it among the **top 2% of business schools worldwide**. With a deep commitment to innovation, industry engagement, and global perspectives, IIM Tiruchirappalli prepares students to become ethical, analytical, and impactful business leaders.

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