

IIM Trichy's Seventh Annual Convocation

The **Seventh Annual Convocation** of the Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli, to award degree for the first time to the students of **Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM)** and the **Post Graduate Programme in Business Management (PGPBM)**, was held on Saturday, 30th of March 2019 at IIM Tiruchirappalli Campus. The students were awarded a degree of **Master of Business Administration (MBA)** instead of diploma as per the IIM Act.

Shri. M. M Murugappan, Executive Chairman, Murugappa Group was the Chief Guest for the convocation. **Dr. Bhimaraya Metri**, Director, IIM Tiruchirappalli presented the Director's Report. **Shri. Jalaj Dani**, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIM Tiruchirappalli awarded the degrees to **169 graduands of Postgraduate Programme in Management (PGPM)** and **41 graduands of the Post Graduate Programme in Business Management (PGPBM)**.

Key Highlights:

1. IIM Tiruchirappalli awarded degrees to the graduands for the very first time as per IIM Act
2. Graduands of Post Graduate Programme in Management were awarded "***Master of Business Administration***"
3. Graduands of Post Graduate Programme in Business Management were awarded "***Master of Business Administration***"

The Director, in his report, highlighted the institute's achievement during the academic year 2018-2019. He informed that this year has seen tremendous increase in students' achievements, research publications from faculty, increase in executive education programs and during this academic year more than 40 guest speakers shared their wisdom with the students. He further said that various corporates have trusted the Institute's pedagogy as a result of which the summer internship and final placement saw a tremendous growth in both, the average package offered as well as the number of companies that visited the campus this year. He gave 5 mantras of success to the passing out batch, which includes making uncomfortable zone comfortable, having laser focus on goals, leading the change, excelling in their respective fields and keep on learning lifelong.

The Chairman, BoG, IIM Trichy in his address appreciated the government's move to provide autonomy to the Institute and mentioned that the autonomy would promote innovation in pedagogy. He addressed the passing out students as the leaders of tomorrow and urged them to abide by their values throughout their life. He guided the students to unleash themselves from any constraints and make best use of their unique skills and capabilities to achieve success in this dynamic world.

Shri. M. M. Murugappa, the Chief Guest in his address urged the IIM Trichy's students to lead the world in fighting against the various issues being faced at the present moment. He wanted the students to work towards eliminating global warming, climate change and potable water crisis in a sustainable manner. He guided students to take challenge in their career so as to navigate themselves towards ocean of opportunities. He gave three mantras of success: Never underestimate anyone, learning to learn and building long lasting relationships. He advised the students to have a vision for self and insisted that the only security in life is the ability and IIM Trichy has played a role in building a part of it.

The Chief Guest presented medals and awards to the following students for their meritorious achievements and all-round performance:

1. IIM Tiruchirappalli **Chairperson's Gold Medal** for securing First Rank in Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM): *Deepesh Agarwal*
2. IIM Tiruchirappalli **Director's Gold Medal** for securing Second Rank in PGPM: *Jagtap Sachin Suresh*
3. **Canara Bank** Gold Medal for securing Third Rank in PGPM: *Cherukupalli Sravani*
4. **ICSI** Signature Award Gold Medal for securing First Rank in PGPM: *Deepesh Agarwal*
5. **Punjab National Bank** Gold Medal for securing First Rank among Women Students in PGPM: *Cherukupalli Sravani*
6. **HDFC Bank** Gold Medal for academic proficiency in Finance and Accounting in PGPM: *Mayank Kumar Pansari*
7. **HDFC Bank** Gold Medal for academic proficiency in Marketing in PGPM: *Arun A*
8. **Leela Chandrasekhara Menon** Award for the Outstanding Lady Student of the Year in PGPM: *Nandhini N*
9. **Kotak Securities** Gold Medal for Best All Round Performance in PGPM: *Arun A*
10. IIM Tiruchirappalli **Chairperson's Gold Medal** for securing First Rank in Post Graduate Programme in Business Management (PGPBM): *Jeyesh Jeykhar J S*
11. IIM Tiruchirappalli **Director's Gold Medal** for securing Second Rank in PGPBM: *K V V Raghavan*
12. **Punjab National Bank** Gold Medal for the Best All Round Performance in PGPBM: *Nandakumar R*

Members of the Board of Governors, faculty members, graduating students, staff, parents, members of the media and other distinguished guests were present at the convocation ceremony. The solemn occasion concluded with the national anthem.