



IIM Trichy conducted the Second Edition of Nishtha - The Annual Management Conclave

IIM Tiruchirappalli (IIMT) conducted its annual management conclave “**Nishtha**” on 9-10 February, 2019. Nishtha is a two-day spearheading initiative that facilitates interaction among experts, academicians, business leaders, entrepreneurs and current management students. The event was inaugurated with lighting of lamp by the Chief Guest, Dr. Rohini Sridhar- Chief Operating Officer, Apollo Hospitals; Guest of Honour, Lieutenant General PR Kumar PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.), Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director, IIM Trichy and Prof. Upam Pushpak Makhecha, Chairperson, Student Affairs.

In his welcome address, Dr. Metri talked about IIM Trichy’s progress since its inception in the year 2011 on state-of-the-art infrastructure development, programmes being undertaken, and faculty strength at IIM Trichy. Dr. Metri said, "IIM Trichy has signed MOU with national and international organizations such as NAAC and has initiated tie-ups with corporates including HPCL, NLC and so forth for various executive management programmes." IIM Trichy will also launch a 15-month MBA program for Army, Navy and Airforce personnel and a certificate program for entrepreneurs located in and around Trichy.

In her motivational speech the Chief Guest **Dr. Rohini Sridhar, COO, Apollo Hospitals**, urged students to assess their capabilities and the driving force to define success. She also advised students to choose their goals wisely. Speaking about entrepreneurship, Dr. Rohini said, "the ability to embrace failure and bounce back is crucial to the success of entrepreneurship." She concluded by wishing students an opportunity to touch the lives of the community through humility and empathy.

Lieutenant General PR Kumar, the Guest of Honour infused courage in the students with his talks about the link between National Security, Armed Forces, and the common people and explained how internal conflicts impact corporates. He was assertive in stating that management and technology will be the game changers going forward. He spoke about the Armed Forces at length and deeply inspired students by the saga of courage, fortitude, and sacrifice.

E-Cell, Entrepreneurship Club of IIM Trichy conducted a guest speaker series which included a talk by **Mr. Yashaswi Kumar, founder, and CEO of Knappily**, which is one of the highest rated news app. In his talk about ‘What Investors Want’, Mr. Yashaswi spoke about the art and artifice of fundraising. The second speaker **Mr. Siddharth Ram, founder of Coalition House**, a product lab for startups discussed "How MBA students can be founders, rather than just being highly paid managers". E-Cell also conducted a national level B-Plan competition for undergraduate and graduate students which saw participation from over 30 colleges across India, showcasing their innovative ideas.

Persona, HR and OB Club of IIM Trichy conducted a panel discussion on, "*The War for Talent: Skills for the New Digital World*". The panellists comprised **Mr. Manoj Madhavan Pillai, Founder - Nicheton**

Consulting and Mr. Srinivasan N, VP - SVP HR Equitas Bank. The discussion was moderated by Nidheesh Joseph, a research scholar in HR department at IIM Trichy. The panellists from diverse backgrounds shared their experiences which brought forth perspectives on how the changing technology in various fields are making disruptions in the HR landscape and talent acquisition. They also sighted anecdotes and examples from their own experiences to give a picture of current expectations of the industry from the future managers in terms of their 'will' along with skill, learning attitude and competency for sharing and collaboration.

FinvesT, Finance and Investment Club of IIM Trichy hosted a panel discussion on, "*Disruption of technology in Finance*". The panelists included **Mr. Sanjay Uppal- Founder and CEO of Straits Bridge Advisors, Mr. Nilanjan Das- Head- Deutsche Wealth Management Centre and Mr. Bala Iyer, CEO - Finbots AI.** The discussion was moderated by Mr. Rupesh Sharma, Doctoral student in Finance and accounting at IIM Trichy. The discussion gave thriving insights on the emergence of a wave of Fintech and the boost that it got with computing capabilities and comfort over time. The discussion highlighted the ecosystem of technologies that have catalyzed reforms in the traditional Finance domain and their role in major areas of banking- retail, institutional and wealth management. FinvesT also conducted a guest lecture by Mr. Sanjay Uppal on, "*Road ahead for AI adaptation in banks*" which was an enriching note on innovation in practice and gave insights on disruptive technologies that will shape the future. **Mr. Prakash Gaba**, Certified Financial Technician, Technical Trader, and a Trading Mentor conducted a session on "*My journey in the stock market*". The session included a good blend of tips, tricks, and caveats pertaining to the stock market. He also explained about few prevalent myths and presented logical explanation about trading and stocks.