


IIM Tiruchirappalli Welcomes the Incoming Batch with a Celebration of Community, Sustainability, and New Beginnings

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At the Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli, the journey of the incoming batch began amidst young saplings, shared conversations, and a gathering that brought together students, faculty members, staff, and families. The inauguration of the academic year reflected the values that define the Institute: sustainability, community, and a commitment to learning that extends beyond the classroom.

Despite intermittent showers during the evening, which necessitated adjustments to the open-air programme, the enthusiasm of students, parents, faculty, and staff remained undiminished. The rains only added to the spirit of the occasion, as the IIM Tiruchirappalli community came together to celebrate the beginning of a new academic journey.

Rooted in Sustainability

The day commenced with a tree plantation drive on the Institute campus. As students participated in planting saplings, the activity served as a symbolic beginning to their academic journey and reinforced the Institute's commitment to environmental responsibility.

Spread across a green and ecologically conscious campus, IIM Tiruchirappalli continues to promote sustainable practices that encourage harmony between development and the environment. The plantation drive reflected this commitment and underscored the idea that meaningful growth, whether personal or institutional, is nurtured through responsibility and long-term vision.

Building Community Over Breakfast

Following the plantation drive, students, faculty members, staff, and family members gathered for a community breakfast. The informal setting provided an opportunity for conversations that transcended classrooms and programmes, helping new students connect with peers and members of the Institute community.

Reflecting on the experience, a student shared, *"It felt less like entering a new institution and more like being welcomed into a community. The breakfast gave us an opportunity*

to meet people from different backgrounds and begin building connections from the very first day."

Another student remarked, "Starting a new chapter can be overwhelming, but the warmth of the gathering made the transition much easier. It helped us feel that we belonged here."

The breakfast set the tone for the day, highlighting the importance of community and collaboration in the learning experience at IIM Tiruchirappalli.

A Formal Welcome to a New Academic Journey



Prof. Satish S. Maheswarappa, Dean (Academics), IIM Tiruchirappalli addressing the upcoming batch of students.

The inauguration ceremony began with the rendition of Tamizh Thai Vaazhthu, followed by the welcome address delivered by Prof. Satish S. Maheswarappa, Dean (Academics), IIM Tiruchirappalli. Welcoming the incoming students, he congratulated them on joining the Institute and reminded them that admission to IIM Tiruchirappalli marked an important milestone rather than the final destination. Encouraging students to remain grounded and continue demonstrating the dedication, perseverance, and self-belief that brought them to the Institute, he remarked,

“Treat this as a milestone, but not as the goal. Your journey, both professional and personal, starts from here.”

—Prof. Satish S. Maheswarappa, Dean (Academics), IIM Tiruchirappalli



Prof. Godwin Tennyson, Director (In-charge), IIM Tiruchirappalli welcoming the new batch of students.

The gathering was subsequently addressed by Prof. Godwin Tennyson, Director (In-charge), IIM Tiruchirappalli. In his address, he reflected on the significance of the occasion as a moment that celebrated academic accomplishments while welcoming a new cohort of learners. He encouraged students to embrace the opportunities and experiences that would define their time at the Institute. Reflecting on the transformative nature of management education, he urged students to approach their journey with commitment and purpose.

“You are entering into a world of possibilities, and you have to be very responsible in that.”

—Prof. Godwin Tennyson, Director (In-charge), IIM Tiruchirappalli

Recognizing Academic Excellence

As part of the ceremony, certificates were awarded to students featured on the Director's Merit List across the Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM), Post Graduate Programme in Management-Human Resources (PGPM-HR), Doctoral Programme in Management (DPM), and Executive Doctoral Programme in Management (EDPM).

The recognition celebrated outstanding academic achievement and reinforced the Institute's commitment to excellence in learning and scholarship.

Insights from Industry Leaders



Shri Arjun Beri addressing the incoming batch at the Inauguration Ceremony

The inauguration ceremony featured an address by the Guest of Honour, Shri Arjun Beri, Senior Director, Model Risk Management, BNY. Drawing upon his professional experiences, he encouraged students to embrace challenges and view their time at the institution as a transformative journey of growth. Drawing an analogy to a butterfly emerging from its cocoon, he emphasized the importance of perseverance and cautioned students against seeking shortcuts. He encouraged students to make the most of their time on campus and observed,

“You have to prepare yourself not just for what is going to happen after your two years but you have to prepare yourself for the many decades of career ahead of you.”

—Shri Arjun Beri, Senior Director, Model Risk Management, BNY



Shri Akshay Khanna addressing the incoming batch at the Inauguration Ceremony

Delivering the commencement address, Chief Guest Shri Akshay Khanna, Managing Partner, AVASANT, reflected on the opportunities and responsibilities that accompany a management education in a rapidly changing world. Encouraging students to cultivate curiosity, step beyond their comfort zones, and build meaningful relationships, he emphasized the enduring importance of distinctly human qualities such as judgement, empathy, adaptability, and integrity. Speaking about leadership in uncertain environments, he remarked,

“Leadership is not about executing a playbook; it is about operating when there is no playbook.”

—Shri Akshay Khanna, Managing Partner, AVASANT

Urging students to embrace the journey ahead, he advised them to “stay humble and focus on relentless learning”

Looking Ahead

The inauguration concluded with a musical evening that brought together students, families, faculty members, and staff, creating an opportunity to celebrate the beginning of a shared journey.

From planting saplings in the morning to engaging with distinguished academic and industry leaders in the evening, the day reflected the values that shape life at IIM Tiruchirappalli. The incoming students were welcomed not only into a management programme, but into a community committed to learning, collaboration, sustainability, and impact.

As the new batch embarks on its academic journey, the inauguration served as a reminder that management education extends beyond classrooms. It is shaped by the relationships built, the values embraced, and the experiences that prepare future leaders to contribute meaningfully to society.

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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