

## **IIM Trichy Inaugurates 9<sup>th</sup> PGPM & 7<sup>th</sup> FPM Batches**

IIM Tiruchirappalli (IIM Trichy) inaugurated its ninth batch of Post Graduate Programme in Management and seventh batch of Doctoral Programme in Management in a ceremony held on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 (Monday). The occasion was graced by Chief Guest **Shri Harsh Sachdev**, Executive Director (Regional Services) Marketing Division, Indian Oil Corporation.

The event began with an invocation and the lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address by Dr. Godwin Tennyson, Chairperson, PGPM. Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director, IIM Tiruchirappalli delivered the Director's Address in which he mentioned the unique features of Trichy and what makes it the land of intellectuals. He touched upon the state-of-the-art infrastructure including the construction of 2 MW solar plant by REC Ltd., which would come up in six months' time. He mentioned that the facilities were conducive to all round learning at the campus enabled by faculty members with strong research base and global exposure. Dr Metri mentioned that IIM Trichy has the International Week Program where every student gets a chance to learn from International scholars from top Business Schools. He concluded by mentioning that the cultural history of the land is a matter of pride as the leaders of leaders belonged to Trichy.

This was followed by the Address by Chief Guest **Shri Harsh Sachdev** who voiced that every destination is a doorway to new opportunities and the key attribute of success is GRIT which entails all the qualities of a great leader. He quoted example of Abraham Lincoln and emphasized that in the new paradigm, world students should sharpen their knowledge and skills. He also encouraged students to sow seeds of health, sustainability, empathy and faith which would bear fruits in long term. Shri Sachdev requested students to focus on values that define a leader and ended his address by quoting Robert Frost, "The woods are lovely, dark and deep, but I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep."

The Chief Guest presented the Term Wise Merit Awards for best academic performance in the first year of the PGPM 2018-20 batch to Ms. Vadlamudi Swetha and Ms. Navisa J. He also gave away the Director's Merit Awards to the top 5% of the students in the entire batch identified based on their academic performance during the 1st year to Ms. Vadlamudi Swetha, Ms. Navisa J, Mr. Amit Narendula, Mr. Karthigeyan R, Mr. Rajan V Harkare, Mr. Devarun Dutta, Ms. K Namitha and Ms. Neeta Miriam Cherian.

All present were invited for Tree Plantation ceremony planned for evening in association with Tamil Nadu Forest Department.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Professor Sankalp Pratap, Chairperson, Fellow Programme and Research. The event concluded with National Anthem.