

Inauguration of the 6th Batch of Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) and the 7th Batch of Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM)

Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli is pleased to announce the inauguration of 6th batch of **Fellow Programme in Management (FPM)** and the 7th batch of **Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM)**. Present at the occasion were dignitaries from the industry and academia, student fraternity and parents.

The proceedings began with an invocation by the institute choir followed by the traditional lamp lighting ceremony. The welcome address was delivered by **Prof. Smita Chattopadhyay, Chairperson, FPR (Fellow Programme in Management & Research)**. Comparing the rigor of the academic programme to a metaphoric “golden pressure cooker”, she advised the students to buckle up to the pressure and at the same time not to forget to enjoy.

Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director of IIM Tiruchirappalli, addressed the new batch of PGP and FPM students as “the luckiest batch”, because they will be starting their course from the new campus, which spans across 175 acres with state-of-art library and research centers. He put forward that a global restructuring is happening, with more and more countries getting added to the list of aging nations – America, China, Japan and the young population of Africa taking over the world in future. Hence, he advised the students to position themselves to do things different. “*Dream big, learn and unlearn many things. There is no substitute for hard work and at the same time smart work is imperative*”, said the Director. He also congratulated all the winners of the merit awards.

Shri. Kumar Ramanathan, CEO & MD, Positive Integers, the Guest of Honor for the function, shared his thoughts on the future of the world. “*We are moving from a world of physicality to digital. We are living in an increasingly instrumented, interconnected and intelligent world*”, said Shri. Kumar. This would have serious ramifications on humans, one being, machines growing faster than humans. He also shared four cardinal principles with the students – keep away the career growth ladders of the corporate world, stay curious, expect numerous cycles of learning and obsolescence, and develop the ability to master the rescue act.

Shri. Muthukumar Thanu, CHRO, TAFE Group, the Chief Guest, delivered the keynote address. He emphasized upon how today’s real world values talents like ideation, clarity of thought and expression, the need to be certain even during ambiguities, the ability to set direction and finding opportunities in adversities. He said how important it is to be shameless in seeking knowledge and that peer learning is the best form of learning. He further added that “*this institute is an experiential laboratory. It is a place where you conceptualize, introspect, take a learning out of it and try to experiment.*”

This was followed by felicitation of the students of PGP 2016-2018 batch, for their academic achievements. Students who ranked first at the end of each of the three Terms, were awarded a **book grant** of Rs.2000/- and a **Certificate of Merit**. Top 5% of the students in terms of academic performance during the 1st year, were placed in the **Director’s Merit List** and awarded a book grant of Rs.5000/- and a Certificate of Merit.

Term-I Academic Topper: Pravinkumar R

Term-II Academic Topper: Ghayathrie S

Term-III Academic Topper: Harshal Bhageria

Director Merit List (Term I to III)

1. Ghayathrie S
2. Lakshmi Priya
3. Pravinkumar R
4. Acharya Ashwitha Purushothama
5. P Sarat Chandra
6. Harshal Bhageria
7. Dhiman Bhattacharyya
8. Sunny Saigal

Prof. K.S. Manikandan, Chairperson, PGP, proposed the vote of thanks. The programme concluded with the National Anthem and a cultural programme by Kalaimamani Revathi Muthuswamy, Director, Srirangam Bharathanatyalaya and her team.