

IIM Trichy Chennai Campus Inaugurates 15th Batch of MBA Programme for Working Executives

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Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli (IIM Trichy) today inaugurated the 15th batch of its Post Graduate Programme in Business Management (PGPBM), an AMBA-accredited MBA designed exclusively for working professionals. The inauguration took place on April 18, 2026 at the Institute's Chennai Campus.

About the Programme

Launched in 2012, the PGPBM has established a 15-year legacy of academic rigour and industry relevance. The programme is structured as a 21-month, in-class MBA delivered through weekend sessions, enabling participants to pursue advanced management education without interrupting their careers. The curriculum integrates core and elective courses, industry projects, and peer learning — preparing executives to apply contemporary business thinking to real-world challenges. Its AMBA accreditation affirms the programme's alignment with the highest global standards of management education.

The 15th Batch: A Snapshot

The 2026–28 batch comprises 77 participants drawn from diverse industries, bringing an average work experience of 10 years, with profiles ranging from early-career professionals to seasoned executives with over two decades of experience. Notably, 43% of participants carry more than 10 years of professional experience, and a significant number already hold senior management and leadership positions. The cohort reflects strong diversity across gender, industry sectors, and functional backgrounds — including operations, leadership, and technology.

Inaugural Address

The Chief Guest, **Shri Sandesh Bilagi, President and Chief Operating Officer, Ramco Systems**, delivered the inaugural address. Drawing on 25 years of industry experience, he offered the incoming batch candid and compelling insights on integrity, entrepreneurial thinking, and crisis leadership — inspiring participants as they embark on this rigorous academic journey alongside their professional commitments.



Presenting the memento to Chief Guest

(From left to right: Prof. K S Manikandan, Chairperson, PGPBM; Prof. Satish S Maheswarappa, Dean (Academics), Mr. Sandesh Bilagi, Chief Guest, President & Chief Operating Officer, Ramco Systems, Prof. Godwin Tennyson, Director (in-charge), Prof. Karthik Dhandapani, Dean (Administration))

Faculty and Leadership Addresses

Prof. Satish S. Maheswarappa, Dean (Academics), welcomed the new cohort to IIM Trichy, while **Prof. Karthik Dhandapani, Dean (Administration)** shared perspectives on the academic journey ahead. **Prof. Manikandan K. S., Chairperson – PGPBM**, provided a comprehensive overview of the programme and presented an in-depth profile of the incoming batch.

Dr. Godwin Tennyson, Director (in-charge), addressed the gathering on IIM Trichy's 15-year PGPBM legacy, the Institute's standing among India's premier business schools, and its commitment to rigorous, accredited academic excellence.

The ceremony also featured the presentation of merit certificates recognising outstanding academic achievement and excellence in industry projects from the preceding batch. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by **Mr. Hari M, External Relations Secretary of PGPBM Student Council**.



Mr. Sandesh Bilagi, Chief Guest, President and Chief Operating Officer, Ramco Systems with the winners of academic merit awards

Looking Ahead

The inauguration marks the beginning of a transformative chapter for the 15th PGPBM cohort, as 77 experienced professionals commit to advancing their leadership capabilities and broadening their managerial horizons at one of India's foremost institutions of management education.

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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