

706 students graduate with eight winning gold medals at the 49th Convocation at IIMB

Bengaluru: “The Golden Jubilee year is a milestone year for IIM Bangalore, an Institute which is sure to have many more milestones. This is the time for you all to reflect upon the changes happening around the globe in the last few decades and what is in store in the next few decades,” said Chief Guest Shri T V Narendran, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Tata Steel, during his address at IIM Bangalore’s Convocation ceremony, this evening.

IIMB hosted its 49th Convocation on 6th April 2024. Degrees were awarded to the students of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programme and the MBA programmes – the Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM), Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management (EPGP), Post Graduate Programme in Business Analytics (PGP-BA) and Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP), in the presence of the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, Board Members, Director, Deans, faculty, alumni and staff of the Institute.

This year, IIM Bangalore has introduced the Institute Research Award for a graduating student of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programme, which includes a cash prize of INR 1.75 lakh, certificate and memento. The Convocation awards also included gold medals for the graduating MBA students for First Rank and Second Rank, and Best All Round Performance.

A total of 706 students from various programmes graduated, this evening. The programme-wise details are as follows: 22 Doctoral Programme (PhD) students; 78 from Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM); 76 from Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management (EPGP); 47 from Post Graduate Programme in Business Analytics (PGP-BA), and 483 from the Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP).

The celebratory ceremony saw the proud families of the graduating students cheering them on their very important milestone marking the completion of their academic journey and the beginning of a new chapter in their lives.

Gold medallists and Institute Research Award winner: This year, a total of eight students have won gold medals, which includes three women students.

In the Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) 2022-2024, Anant Ashutosh Sharma is the first rank holder, while Aditya Nishith Shah is the second rank holder.

Jayant Ramchandra Yadav is the Gold Medallist for Best All Round Performance for Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) and Post Graduate Programme in Business Analytics (PGP-BA) 2022-2024 combined.

For the Post Graduate Programme in Business Analytics (PGP-BA) 2022-2024, Hemakshi Janyani is the first rank holder.

In Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management (EPGP) 2023-2024, Renu Chaubey is the first rank holder and Velamuri Sai Yaswanth is the Best All Round Performer.

In Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM) 2022-2024, P Govind N Shenoy is the first rank holder, while Rawat Megha VijaySingh is the Best All Round Performer.

The introductory Institute Research Award was won by Bibek Bhattacharya, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) student of the Strategy area of the graduating batch.

For the detailed profiles of the gold medallists of the MBA programmes and the Institute Research Award winner from the PhD programme, please [click here](#).

Chief Guest's address

Shri T V Narendran listed the three main changes that the graduating students need to focus on as being on the geopolitical landscape, technology, and sustainability and climate change. "The centre of gravity of economic activity has shifted to Asia, which will have a huge impact on industries, supply chains, economics and geopolitics. The next few decades will be about India. Keep a focus on these changes, the resultant challenges and opportunities, and the impact all this will have on your careers."

"Do keep adapting to new technology to stay current. Remember that AI and other technology can change, disrupt, create and destroy jobs. In the coming years, it will be crucial for corporate enterprises to build trust in society in terms of sustainability and climate change, in the face of cost and other complexities, to bring about equitable and inclusive growth," he said.

"Your ability to learn from your experiences, deal with success and failure, and improve yourselves, will be crucial. How you handle people in your professional and personal life, will be another deciding factor. Connect with people, listen to them and translate that ability to build trust, authenticity and credibility. Be passionate about whatever you do – it is a journey of discovery in order to pursue excellence, as your purpose will define you. These are critical to have long and successful careers. Make your parents and the Institute proud," he said.

Chairperson's message

Dr. Devi Shetty, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIM Bangalore, congratulated the Institute on its "brilliant" national and global rankings, and more. Talking about IIMB's digital learning initiative IIMBx, he said, "IIMBx's offering on Hospital Management is going to be a boon for

the country since it is designed for participants to be equipped for the future healthcare industry in India, enabling them to administer hospitals in a smooth and efficient manner.”

While wishing the graduating students the very best for their future, Dr. Devi Shetty pointed out that at some point in their careers when they consider entrepreneurship, they need to keep in mind few things. “You need to ponder over what to do, how to do and why to do. The ‘why’ is most important because it will define the purpose of your actions. Hence, think of the why, before the other two, because the power of purpose is crucial. Second, reinvent yourself every five years. And last but not the least, express your love and gratitude to your parents.”

Director’s address

Professor Rishiksha T Krishnan, Director, IIM Bangalore, highlighting the achievements of the Institute, focused on its programmes, centres, events, digital learning initiatives, the initiatives on internationalization, placements, and more. He lauded the Institute for the increase in admissions for PGP and PGP-BA, to cross the 600-mark. He also said that IIMB’s MOOCs learners have grown, adding about IIMBx launching the ‘Professional Certificate in Hospital Management’ programme for doctors and hospital administrators managing Government hospitals across districts of Karnataka. “This specially curated programme for doctors and administrators of the health department of Karnataka will strengthen the health system of the state.”

He also made special mention of the accomplishments of the students, faculty and alumni of IIMB, as well as the entrepreneurship hub NSRCEL.

He also thanked all the stakeholders of the Institute for making the celebrations marking the Golden Jubilee extra special.

“We are privileged for the opportunity to work with the government in our deep commitment to contributing to education and skill-building for the nation. I thank the Central Government, the Government of Karnataka, the MoE and other departments who have provided sustained support to our institution, for the ownership they have on our performance and excellence.” He also thanked the corporate supporters and sponsors of IIMB.

Wishing the graduating students every success, he said: “Just like IIMB aspires to be among the top centres of management and business learning in the world, you also need to aim for the best. Do great work, but remember success is about adapting to the environment, enhancing your capabilities, deepening your skills and competence, at the same time, maintaining your core values. Do make it a practice to give back to society.”