

Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP): Two-year fulltime MBA

Mridul Sureka

Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) 2021-2023

Gold Medallist – First Rank Holder



Mridul, aged 23 years, grew up in Kolkata where his parents own businesses in the textile sector. His father is a businessman while his mother has donned several responsibilities. Mridul's sister is a Commerce Graduate and runs a textile exports business.

Mridul has excelled academically throughout the programme at IIMB. He secured perfect grades of 4.00 in 24 out of 27 courses pursued at IIMB with an A-grade in all the 27 courses. He finished the first year of the programme as the first ranked student and as Term Topper in all the three terms. He was also included in the Director's Merit List and was awarded six scholarships for his academic achievements. He was selected to pursue an Exchange Program at HEC Paris, where he scored perfect grades in seven out of nine courses and was also awarded an Exchange Scholarship by the French Embassy. Mridul also participated in a host of business case competitions, was the national winner of the Venture Capital Investment Competition and will represent India in the global finals soon.

During his IIMB journey, Mridul has received several merit scholarships. He was awarded the Mold-Tek Scholarship for securing the first place in the Director's Merit List, the Charpak Exchange Scholarship of Excellence from the French Embassy to pursue studies in HEC Paris, the Siddharth Padam Scholarship for securing the highest CGPA in Economics, Finance and Accounting core courses, the Smt Parvathi and Sri Vedula Krishnamurthy Award for securing highest CGPA in Competition and Strategy, Business Government and Society, and Entrepreneurship core courses, the Smt Saraswati Kulkarni Prize for Excellence in Entrepreneurship, IIMB Merit Scholarship for securing a top-20 place in the first year, and the Director's Merit List Scholarship.

Mridul aspires to build a career in Private Equity Investing, and it is his dream to make positive business impact. He also aspires to serve the country in economic policy making at a later stage in his career.

Of the IIMB experience, Mridul says: “The programme is holistic, with a very good mix of academic rigor, extracurricular activities, international exposure, sports and cultural events that help students build discipline, personality and professionalism. IIMB excels at instilling values and ethics by setting high standards of integrity. The Institute offers a mix of core and elective courses across Entrepreneurship, Finance, Strategy, Marketing, Operations etc., thus ensuring broad-based as well as in-depth expertise among graduates. The second year of the programme offers students international and cross-cultural exposure through the Student Exchange and Dual Degree Programmes. The Institute maintains strong relationships with leading companies across business domains helping students carry out Organization Projects in the form of two-month Summer Internships during the programme.”

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Puranjay Singhal

Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) 2021-2023

Gold Medallist – Second Rank Holder



Puranjay, aged 27 years, hails from Delhi and belongs to a business family. His father operates a trading business in the auto sector and his mother is a homemaker. Puranjay’s elder sister is a Technology Consultant. Puranjay is a graduate in Economics from Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), New Delhi, and has worked with JP Morgan, and Rothschild & Co.

Puranjay has secured a CGPA of 3.94/4.00 over the course of the programme and attained grade A in all the 27 courses he pursued at IIMB. He has been placed among the top students in the Director’s Merit List. He was one of the two students selected to attend the exchange term at HEC Paris. He excelled academically there as well, securing a GPA of 3.72/4.00. Puranjay also participated in several global and national business and case competitions. He won B-Starters, IIM Bangalore’s national-level entrepreneurship competition and was among the national finalists of Reliance TUP competition for his venture plan in the working capital financing space. He was an active member of the club Investment Fund.

Puranjay was the recipient of several scholarships and awards for his academic performance at IIM Bangalore. He was awarded the Mold-Tek Scholarship for being among the top three

students in the Director's Merit List after the first year. He received the IIMB Merit Scholarship for securing a place among the top 20 students in the first year. He was also a recipient of the Charpak Exchange Scholarship of Excellence from the French Embassy for pursuing an exchange term in France.

Puranjay has a keen interest in business models and companies, and the economic value creation process. Hence, he wants to further his career in the Strategy and Finance domain, which, he believes, would provide him with ample opportunities to work with diverse businesses.

Puranjay regards his IIMB journey to be a transformative learning experience. "The academic rigor of the programme, combined with the diverse cohort of students, challenged me to think critically, approach problems creatively and broaden my horizons. The wide range of subjects and elective choices ensured that we get a strong foundation alongside the freedom to pursue our interests. The world-class faculty provided valuable insights, guidance and mentorship. Apart from academics, the campus infrastructure, resources and events contributed to a holistic learning experience. The state-of-the-art facilities, including the library, computer labs, sports facilities and the hostel, provided a comfortable and conducive environment for learning and growing. My time at IIMB not only equipped me with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in my career, but also helped me develop a global outlook, a sense of social responsibility and a network of lifelong connections."

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Anurag Rathi

Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) 2021-2023 and Post Graduate Programme in Business Analytics (PGP-BA) 2021-2023 (Combined)

Gold Medallist – Best All Round Performer



Twenty-five-year-old Anurag hails from Nagpur. His father is a first-generation entrepreneur who built a successful industrial packaging business, and his mother is a homemaker. Anurag has two sisters – one is a professional chef, and the other is an investment professional.

Anurag has achieved significant success in both international and national case competitions, during his term at IIMB. He won the national finals of the CFA Research Challenge, also known as 'The Investment Olympics' for university students and qualified to represent India and IIMB at the APAC subregional round. He won the national finals of the Venture Capital Investment Competition and will represent India and IIMB at the global

finals to be held in the US. Furthermore, Anurag consistently represented IIMB and excelled in corporate competitions including Reliance TUP, TresVista, Adani Wilmar Challenge and B-Starters by NSRCEL.

Passionate about entrepreneurship, Anurag has been deeply involved with the start-up ecosystem. He served as a Student Investment Partner with Campus Fund, a \$10Million VC Fund, where he led multiple investments. He was also associated with the Government of Karnataka's flagship start-up program 'Elevate' as a jury member for their EdTech panel, where the government disbursed equity-free grants to start-ups across the state.

Anurag served as the Treasurer of Network, the Finance Club of IIMB. He served as the Co-editor of the Inter-IIM finance publication *Bottomline*, which included contributions from IIMA, IIMC and IIML. Anurag was also the Senior Coordinator of the PE-VC Society. He has been captain of the Table Tennis team and won three gold medals and the Best Player prize across in inter-IIM Table Tennis competitions.

About his IIMB learning experience, he says that the two years at IIMB have been transformational not just for building hard skills like Data Analysis and Financial Modelling, but also for developing skills like People Management and Communication. "The case-based pedagogy gave us an opportunity to put ourselves in the shoes of business leaders and deliberate on possible alternatives the business could have taken. I believe this is the best way to develop management thinking. IIMB's focus on peer learning through various projects and class discussions helped me immensely in widening my horizons. The ability of the programme to get industry leaders in classes as guest speakers was the highlight of my time at IIMB."

Anurag aspires to start his career in Consulting to gain exposure across multiple industries and hopes to eventually build a career in Private Equity and Investing. He adds, "In the long run, I hope to play an active role in policy making by entering active politics as I believe that is the best way to make long-term social change and impact."

Post Graduate Programme in Business Analytics (PGP-BA): Two-year fulltime MBA

Sarthak Jain

Post Graduate Programme in Business Analytics (PGP-BA) 2021-2023

Gold Medallist – First Rank Holder



Sarthak Jain, aged 25 years, hails from Bikaner, Rajasthan. He holds an Electrical Engineering degree from IIT Delhi. Before joining the MBA programme at IIM Bangalore, he worked for two years as a Quantitative Analyst at Voltaire Advisory Services, Mumbai.

Sarthak's grandfather was a Professor of Physics and retired as Principal, Govt. PG College, Bikaner. Sarthak's mother is a homemaker and his father retired as Superintending Engineer, Water Resources, Govt. of Rajasthan, and is currently working as a Consultant to the Command Area Dev. Authority, Bikaner.

Sarthak has featured in the IIMB Director's Merit List, and received the DML Award and Alumni Scholarship for the same. During his second year, he represented IIMB as an exchange student at ESCP Business School, Paris. Sarthak has successfully delivered a live consulting project for the Dept. of Aerospace Engineering, IISc Bangalore, and has also achieved national top positions in various case competitions. Besides these, Sarthak has undertaken multiple initiatives as Junior Coordinator of the Student Academic Committee and Senior Coordinator of the Investment Fund club at IIM Bangalore.

Describing the PGP in Business Analytics as a unique and forward-looking programme, Sarthak says, "The learning experience at IIMB was dynamic, challenging and engaging. From day one, I was exposed to a range of business concepts in various disciplines of Finance, Marketing, Strategy, Operations and Analytics. The experience was enhanced by a deep emphasis on case-based pedagogy, exceptional peers from diverse backgrounds, and of course, the extremely talented faculty. Over the past two years, I have gained a deep understanding of business and management, and expanded my professional network. I have also grown personally, becoming more confident in my abilities and better aware of my strengths and weaknesses."

Regarding his future plans, he says, "I want to pursue my career as a Business Consultant for the initial few years to gain professional experience, understand the range of real-world problems that businesses face, and how strategic decisions can help solve these problems. I believe such experiences can help me work towards my broader goal in life, which is to start a Venture Capital firm aimed specifically at providing strategic guidance and hence, helping develop start-ups looking to make a real social impact on our society."

Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management (EPGP): One-year fulltime programme for experienced professionals

Pankaj Jindal

Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management (EPGP) 2022-2023

Gold Medallist – First Rank Holder



Pankaj Jindal, aged 31 years, hails from Rajasthan. His father is a retired government official from BSNL and mother a home maker. His wife works for Amazon and they have a daughter.

Pankaj has been performing consistently well in IIMB not only in academics, but also in business competitions. He was the recipient of the merit scholarship during the course. He bagged the third spot in Vista - Numero Uno, a national-level leadership and boardroom simulation event organized by IIMB. He was the winner of IIMB business case challenge 'FDI vs Make in India' and proposed a GTM strategy for an overseas software company; was the winner of the inter-college national business quiz 'Concours 2023' conducted by Symbiosis Institute of Management (SIBM), Bangalore, and was runner-up in the intra-college business quiz 'iQNights' conducted by the Quizzing Club, IIMB.

Sharing his future plans and dreams, he says that he wants to shift from a tactical role to a strategic role overseeing larger goals of the organization, and to transition from the core manufacturing sector to the IT and Data Analytics sector.

Pankaj says that the one-year EPGP broadened his thinking through subjects relevant to current business dynamics. "The inputs from our top-class faculty have helped us tremendously in enriching ourselves," he adds.

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Adarsh Unny

Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management (EPGP) 2022-2023

Gold Medallist – Best All Round Performer



Thirty-one-year-old Adarsh was born in Dubai. He belongs to a close-knit and supportive family.

At IIMB, he had several academic achievements including the CGPA he achieved. Adarsh participated in several case competitions, business plan events, quiz contests and other activities, and won 11 case competitions across various fields such as Strategy, Product Management, Operations, Marketing, and more. These include first prizes across international-level fests at IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Calcutta and IIM Bangalore, along with various company organized events. He co-led the efforts at the War of Sections – where the EPGP cohort participated for the very first time. Apart from winning individual/group events there, he bagged the second spot overall.

He adds, “I also had the opportunity to work on various business plans, one of which was awarded by NSRCEL as well as through a case competition organized for Vista. I also co-led the International Immersion Committee.”

Adarsh says that the IIMB experience gave him access to world-class faculty, peer-to-peer learning, and the opportunity to interact with the brightest minds in the country through guest lectures and seminars. “Working on live projects and participating in so many diverse activities helped me gain insights into various industries. The classroom experience was also a unique blend of live simulations, interactive sessions and so much more.”

Adarsh believes that EPGP, with its cutting-edge curriculum and strong focus on leadership, has helped him boost the skills which he requires in order to take challenging decisions at an organizational level and create positive impact. “The specific tools and knowledge imparted by core courses such as Competition and Strategy, Macroeconomics and Operations Management have strengthened my business acumen and provided an understanding of macroeconomic environments and strategy development. The emphasis on case-based learning, holistic development and leadership competencies are also noteworthy. Having equipped myself with such skills, I plan on making the transition into the technology sector in a management role.”

Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM): Two-year programme for working professionals

Manshul Arora

Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM) 2021-2023

Gold Medallist – First Rank Holder



Thirty-year-old Manshul Arora belongs to an agricultural family in Haryana. He says his father migrated to the city to provide his children with a better future.

Manshul was awarded a scholarship for being the top candidate on Director's Merit List. He attended an exchange term at IE University, Madrid.

He says the learning exposure at IIMB helped him build two essential skills – adaptability and resilience. “We started as part of an online batch, then moved to the hybrid mode and finally got a pure in-classroom experience. The transitions proved the importance of grit, determination and discipline. Moreover, the diversity of courses, knowledge, viewpoints and challenges helped us learn and transform”.

Sharing his future plans, he says, “I am keen to make an impact in the semiconductor industry. With skyrocketing demand, geopolitical tensions and the rising importance of sustainability, the sector is ripe for transformation and change. I want to be an effective participant in this transformation process.”

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Amit Pareek

Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM) 2021-2023

Gold Medallist – Best All Round Performer



Aged 37 years, Amit Pareek belongs to a close-knit family consisting of his father – a retired businessman, his wife – a CA aspirant, his elder brother – an IT professional, and his younger sister – a credit analyst.

Amit was awarded the Merit Scholarship at IIMB. He featured in the Director’s Merit List in Year 1, performed well in various inter-college competitions, participated in the student exchange program at Stockholm School of Economics - Sweden, and supported his batch as academic coordinator in Year 1. He has also been a Student Affairs Council member.

He says, “The programme’s unique structure allowed me to continue my on-the-job learning and provided me with an accelerated understanding of management paradigms. Now, I feel more confident and future-ready for complex leadership roles.”

Amit aims to use his IIMB learning to excel in his current work profile as Head – Strategy & Business Development, and build his expertise as Global Strategic Leader in the Industry and Manufacturing sectors. “I also dream of starting a social venture,” he adds.