



IIM T *Pulse* V.1.1



An Alumni Canvas



Alumni Committee
Indian Institute of Management Tiruchirappalli

From the desk of Alumni Committee Chairperson

Prof. Ayon Chakraborty



Dear Alumni,
Greetings from IIM Tiruchirppalli!

This is an exciting time for the institute. We are growing in leaps and bounds and it is great to see all of you growing in your fields. As we have become fully operational from our own campus, so it's an opportune moment for you to connect with your Alma Mater.

We are also proud to grow in numbers because of the different offerings from our institute. In this growth phase, it is important to develop connect with you and we leverage from each other's strength. One of the mechanisms to work on this is to develop Chapters in some of the major cities, where it will be easy for you to connect. This I feel, will help you to connect with other alumni and also help us grow our network by including each one of you.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to invite you all for our annual Alumni meet in January 2019. This will provide you an opportunity to feel and experience your beautiful campus.

We look forward to meeting you all in January!

New members of IIM T family



"I started my career with IIM Trichy on May 2018 from IMI Delhi and my experience has been very encouraging so far. IIM Trichy is the fastest growing institute amongst the second Generation IIMs and I am happy to share and contribute in this journey of growth. I taught Financial Accounting for PGP first year students and found the

students not just intellectually good but also having quest to learn and inquisitiveness to ask things...

Leadership provided by Director Dr. Metri is very dynamic and motivating... My colleagues here are focused, full of knowledge and I found a good research culture is building here. Together we form a very good team which will fuel the growth of IIM Trichy!

Prof. Prashant Gupta

"I joined 'MIS Area' at IIM Tiruchirappalli recently. I have wide experience of teaching and research for 17 years in countries like Oman, Bahrain and India and also authored more than 25 research articles in top-tier journals. My experience at IIM Trichy has so far been amazing. IIMT encompasses its fineness in the form of the students and the faculty members who make this place the centre of excellence. It is a very welcoming place and I am looking forward to contributing significantly to the development process of teaching and learning environment towards the vision of IIMT."



Prof. Sujeet K Sharma



"I have joined IIM Trichy just a few months ago. So far I have had no direct interaction, in terms of teaching, with the students across the programmes. But, I did have couple of interaction with FPM students on either me attending their research work presentation

or they attend my research work. I have enjoyed a lot in both ways and their work is very impressive and interesting. With regard to interaction with faculty members, I feel it is a different level whether it could be informal interaction during tea time or intellectual debate over some topics of mutual interest. Director is extremely supportive and encouraging in all activities whether it could be related to research or offering of innovative courses. In personal front, IIM T has helped me resume my physical activities (which was irregular when I was in IIM Shillong) regularly which enhances my daily energy level."

Prof. P Saravanan

"It's an honor and a privilege to be part of IIM Tiruchirappalli. The colleagues and students are truly inspiring. The culture at IIM Tiruchirappalli is very conducive to the intellectual and professional well-being of teachers and students."



Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava

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Inauguration of 8th batch



The eighth batch of Post Graduate Programme in Management was inaugurated in a ceremony held on 25th June, 2018. Mr Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, MD & CEO, 'Lahari' - Advanced Electronics Testing Facility graced the occasion as the chief guest and asked students to work with a vision, 'never say die' attitude and integrity in corporate sectors. Guest of Honour, Dr. Jibitesh Rath General Manager (HRD), NMDC Ltd advised students to have a role model in life and asked students to align their purpose of life with what they do. Term wise Merit Awards as well as Director's Merit Awards were presented to students of PGP 2017-2019. Also, a special award of ₹25,000 was announced by chief guest to be awarded to a women candidate in the area of entrepreneurship.

New Sports Facilities



The inauguration ceremony of the Swimming pool and Table Tennis facilities in the Sports complex was held on 9th August, 2018. Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director, IIM Trichy graced the occasion in presence of the Student Activities Chairperson, other faculty members, staff and students.

The opening of the new facilities is a further step in the pursuit of sporting excellence and with more State-of-the-art facilities to be operational soon, IIM Trichy fraternity and the sports enthusiasts here have much more to look forward to.



Kurukshetra and Aarambh



The sporting events of Aarambh and Kurukshetra for the first year students were conducted in the month of August and September. Aarambh witnessed the wonderful participation from the new batch in the Indoor sporting events. Kurukshetra, the inter section wars, witnessed great enthusiasm from all the three sections.



Agent of Chaos (Section C) won the Kurukshetra with a tournament deciding match between Agent of Chaos (Section C) and Bandits (Section B). Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director IIM Trichy, graced the nail biting match and presented the trophy to the winner section.



Journey from Pharma graduate to Leader at ABG – Certainly a challenging and ENRICHING one. One of the memories I vividly have from my early career is the experience of getting to work with the Chairman's Department at Wockhardt. This was a Team of young professionals from the most premier B-schools globally. As a technical Graduate, you tend to focus all your energies on your role only in the organization. What I learnt from them was having a strategic view of the industry and the Business. That really forms the foundation of my approach to learning at IIM T and now my work here at the Aditya Birla Group.

5 years at ABG – To sum up in one word DIVERSE. Over the last 5 years, I got to work closely with 7 of the Group Businesses (as varied as UltraTech, Grasim, Aditya Birla Capital) in India as well as South-East Asia. By virtue of the role, the interaction was truly multifunctional. I have had the opportunity to facilitate discussions with Technicians at our manufacturing Plants, Sales and Operations staff at our Branches at one end of the spectrum and to present to the Business Directors and the Chairman himself at the other. I worked with some of the best known (and highest paid) Leaders in Marketing, Media, Consulting, Operations, etc. What else can one expect in 5 years?

Most memorable experience – I was placed at a healthcare firm in Chennai and was to fly outside India. For some reason, my trip got delayed and I could attend the Convocation at IIM Trichy. I won 'Student of the Year Gold medal' and Mr. Birla who was the Chief Guest at our Convocation, while presenting the Gold medal, made me an offer to join the Aditya Birla Group on the stage. It is a moment I am really proud of but seldom do I talk about it at Aditya Birla Group. I wish to grow because of the value I add and not because I was selected by the Chairman.

My current role at ABG – The strength of our Group has been manufacturing and operational excellence. But as the world changes rapidly and threats come from seemingly unrelated quarters (did you know Alibaba went from not being a Financial Services player to the largest fund in the World in less than 5 years), ABG has embarked on an ambitious journey of putting Consumer and Innovation at the Centre of what we do. We have set up a structured process of getting feedback from our Customers, value-chain as well as end Consumers that becomes an strong insights engine. This feedback is then routed using a strong Technology backbone to the relevant teams for them to action on it. The key learning for me has been how does one get people across the organization excited about this mission so that it becomes a way of life.

2 years at IIMT – It was hectic, as a Placement committee member, to juggle between academics and extracurriculars. I think there are two things that helped on this journey and I continue to follow this even today. First is set aside time to take care of your health because in your career you prepare to be a Marathon runner not a Sprinter. My choice is outdoor exercise (running, swimming, cycling, hiking, etc.) and you could make your own choice but the critical aspect is to not compromise on this discipline. Second is cut down on superfluous activities that eat into our time and more importantly attention. Some simple steps like prioritizing tasks, starting your day with the toughest job of the day, switching on your mobile data only once I two hours (do try this; it works) go a long way in taking control of your time.

Clubs and committees – I think this is the core of how Management education is different from Technical education. These activities will not only help you develop the soft skills I referred to above, but also develop these areas as your Passion. Because you want to be going to work because you LOVE what you do.

A word to Juniors – Two specific points; Point 1 please refrain from bucketing yourself as a 'I am a Marketing Guy', 'I am a Finance Guy'. I haven't seen a single Business leader who doesn't understand and appreciate all the pillars of Business. In fact, the Marketing Leaders that grow are good at Finance and vice versa. Point 2 focus on building softer aspects (Working in large multi-functional teams, motivating team-members, networking outside work, facilitation skills, influencing, building presence) as much if not more than Functional knowledge.



Tushar Dumbre

Batch of 2011-13

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"IIM T was homecoming for me as I studied in NIT Trichy. I was also lucky to have an amazing peer group, seniors and professors. It couldn't have been any better than this. Learning about the different perspectives of different people was the most valuable experience of campus life.

I had my share of fun. The best experiences were the preparation for various events. The BTS fun, I still distinctly remember the gala that we had preparing for Sanskriti. Classes too were interesting. I still remember our first class was taken by Prof V. Gopal. It was a lively class for many reasons and the exams as well were special. Even the CAs were like "Dude, what happened in the paper?" This set the tone for the next two years.

Along with this we had a lot to learn too. Along with the curriculum, what really shaped me were the experiences of working in a team and creating an amazing final deliverable for projects and competitions. Being in the Placement team helped me develop my people and time management skills. These learnings stay with you forever.

My journey from IIMT to KPMG and then to Deloitte has been an amazing ride. One matter that I would like to address here is the misnomer about networking in corporate life. Networking is something that people generally worry about. From my experience, I can say that it is not a focused activity. It's about being yourself and trying to understand the next person. It's more about making friends and those friendly relations will make it easy for you to adapt. It's moments that matters.

To my family who are still in campus, my juniors, I would urge them to be open to options and be flexible. Try to interact, understand and learn from your peers and in the process your personality will develop. As far as managing the hectic schedule goes, it's all about setting your priorities and getting them right."



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Events in the next issue

Sanskriti 7.0 (October)

Sangram (IIM-B, November)

Dhruva 3.0 (January)

Grand Alumni Meet
(January)