



## Press Release

### IIMA Holds Virtual Convocation for ePGP Students

~ 62 students from the e-Mode Post Graduate Programme get 'Master of Management Studies' Degree

**January 22, 2021:** The Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA), a premier global management institute, today held a virtual Convocation ceremony for its graduates from the e-Mode Post Graduate Programme (ePGP).

Dr Hasit Joshipura, Senior Vice President, Larsen & Toubro Limited graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He was welcomed by the Director to the ceremony, which was attended by members of the Board, faculty, staff, alumni, graduating students and their families from different locations. The online Convocation ceremony was broadcast Live on IIMA's You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/IIMA-OFFICIAL/videos>.

Delivering the convocation address, **Chief Guest Dr Hasit Joshipura, Senior Vice President, Larsen & Toubro Limited**, congratulated the graduating students and appreciated them for their passion for studying even as they continued to work and run their businesses. He said, "Three developments of the 90s are forming the building blocks for far reaching change. First, the remarkable and the rapid drop in the price of computing power. The second big shift brought about by the internet which has made knowledge ubiquitous, is what I call the democratisation of innovation.

The third shift relates to the future of work. Received wisdom used to be that there was a reciprocal contract. Corporations used to offer lifetime employment and in return, loyalty was what the employee offered. That contract went out at least two decades ago if not more. Then issues like diversity, etc. gained centre stage. Then alternative formats of second careers for women, all in search of perceived equity and, of course, talent. The pandemic has resulted in one more format, which is work from home, and already companies are contemplating differential compensation depending on your geography of work. And then you have the gig economy where young people do not wish to be confined in a strait jacket of formal employment, but prefer working for a period and then take a break to pursue other interests. Employers will have to develop flexible formats apart from flexible cultures, which accommodate maverick innovators. Work in progress but you need to watch this space.

The future for the generations of today is far more potentially fulfilling than it was for my generation given the strait jackets that we had to fit into. And you are part of that benefitted generation. I wish you all great success in your future endeavours". **For full speech**, click: <https://www.iima.ac.in/epgpconvocation/>

Addressing the audience, **Professor Errol D'Souza, Director, IIMA**, lauded the students, faculty and their families for their perseverance and commitment in the face of the pandemic. Professor D'Souza said, "Management and I dare say good living is about self-awareness, mindfulness, and self-control. You have been exposed at the Institute to some of these principles and about taking ownership for the decisions you make. We wish you all success as you step out as ambassadors of the institute and look forward to the myriad achievements that we are sure you will actualize. It is for you to control your destiny and do keep in mind, that if you do not,



then someone else will. Our very best to you and your families.” **For full speech**, click: <https://www.iima.ac.in/epgpconvocation/>

A total of 62 graduating students of the ePGP graduated with the *Master of Management Studies* degree and the top achievers in the class were awarded merit certificates. Mr. Ketan Tulsidas Savjani who was the academic topper was announced the gold medallist while Mr Swapnil Nagesh Padate and Mr Chinmay Manoj Chandakkar were awarded merit certificates and cash prizes for getting the highest GPA scores in the batch.

Even as the pandemic limited activities, the Institute ensured that the students were engaged in their academic pursuits and extra-curricular activities, which included organising and participation in various students led and external conferences, consulting projects, competitions etc. The students also spent time on campus as part of their specially designed learning sessions.

The ePGP course offered by IIMA is a two-year Masters degree programme, which is unique in its approach, delivery and experience. The course is designed for working professionals. While other IIMA long duration programmes are residential, the ePGP is offered over more than 850 hours of classroom sessions over a live interactive classroom online, which allows students to take lessons at study centres in their own cities. These students also come to the IIMA campus into physical classrooms for specific modules that are scheduled at periodic intervals through the programme.

In addition to the full-time and residential programmes, the Institute has designed and developed a portfolio of online and blended learning programmes to meet the changing demands of a diverse set of professionals, corporates, entrepreneurs, governments, academic institutions, and social organisations. Its course offerings provide the participants with current and relevant knowledge based on academic rigor, cutting-edge research, case studies and real-world experiences.

### **About IIM Ahmedabad:**

The Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) is a premier, global management Institute that is at the forefront of promoting excellence in the field of management education. Over the 60 years of its existence, it has been acknowledged for its exemplary contributions to scholarship, practice and policy through its distinctive teaching, high-quality research, nurturing future leaders, supporting industry, government, social enterprise and creating a progressive impact on society.

IIMA was founded as an innovative initiative by the Government, industry and international academia in 1961. Since then it has been consolidating its global footprint and today it has a network with over 80 top international institutions and a presence in Dubai. Its eminent faculty members and close to 40,000 alumni, who are at the helm of influential positions in all walks of life also contribute to its global recognition.

Over the years, IIMA’s academically superior, market-driven, and socially impactful programmes, have earned high reputation and acclaim globally. It became the first Indian institution to receive international accreditation from EQUIS. The renowned flagship two-year Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) is ranked 20th in the FT Master in Management Ranking 2020 and the one-year Post Graduate Programme in Management for Executives (PGPX) has been ranked 48th in the FT Global MBA rankings 2021. The institute also is placed first in the Government of India’s National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), India Rankings 2020. IIMA offers consultancy services and more than 200 curated executive education programmes in customized, blended, and open enrolment formats for a



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