

# Convocation Opus '16

## DIRECTOR's MESSAGE

It is said, 'Good leaders are not impersonal transmitters of communication. They also communicate their inner thoughts, emotions and spirit. In particular, they impart energy. They have the ability to inspire while they inform', be such leaders!

My best wishes to the graduating students! I congratulate the OPUS team for coming out with the Convocation special edition.

**- Dr. Subhajt Bhattacharyya**

## FACULTY EDITOR

Convocation is a day of fulfillment and being your teacher I share this feeling too. It was a wonderful journey, full of learning, excitement and fun. Remember, Passion is the Key! Good luck.

On behalf of the CCC Opus Team, I am happy to present this edition to you. This is just a snapshot of the recent activities at IMT-N. For more information, you may please visit institute's website. **- Dr. Smita Dabholkar**

## STUDENT EDITOR

Thomas A. Edison once said, "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed like work". When an opportunity knocks at our door we fail to realize its potential or perhaps the amount of effort it might require, scares us. To live a meaningful life requires looking beyond this and prepare ourselves for the opportunity as and when it comes, working on this edition made us realize this. We would like to thank our seniors for their support and guidance. We wish the Batch of 2014-16 all the very best in their future endeavours. **- Kanika Kashyap**

## WORDS OF WISDOM



"Dear passing out batch students be honest, maintain humility and never shy away from hard work in life."

**Prof. Sayan Banerjee**  
PGDM Chairperson

"The moment of truth has finally arrived. Explore the corporate world with full force and prove that IMTians create history, not merely write that. I wish you all the very best in all your future endeavours."

**Prof. T. K. Chatterjee**



"Very often the past appears like paradise, the present looks like hell. Perform your duties diligently and enjoy your present time. The feel of paradise will never leave you. My best of wishes to all of you."

**Prof. Pradeep Mazumdar**

"Some words of wisdom for all of you which might seem relevant to you throughout your life. Be Responsive to change, no one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care. The great dividing line between success and failure can be expressed in five words: 'I did not have time'."

**Prof. D. N. Panigrahi**



"Never take things and the people for granted and do not allow others to take you for granted."

**Dr. N. Y. Phadnis**

"We see batches come and go, both sides enriching themselves in the process but the true fun lies in watching your students grow and flourish at a fast pace after they pass out of college. Bon Voyage!"

**Dr. Kapil Chaturvedi**



"If you never try, you will never know. Do not be afraid of failures, it is part of the overall game. Life is a learning process. As said by George Bernard Shaw, 'A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing'. My best wishes to you all."

**Dr. Abhishek Narain Singh**

## Recent Management Development Programs at IMT Nagpur

**Geological Survey of India, 24 - 29 August, 2015**



**Solar Industries India Limited, 20 - 26 November, 2015**



**Asian Paints Limited, 13 - 18, July, 2015**



**Dinshaw's Dairy Food Limited, August 7, 2015**

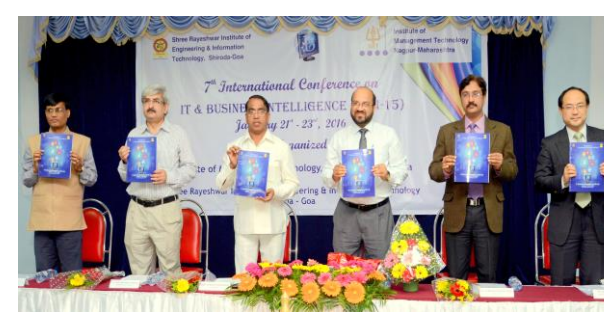


**SPIC MACAY** in collaboration with Zimfonia, the musical forum, and Hypnotics, the dance forum, of IMT Nagpur organized delightful evenings of Classical Indian Music. On August 6, 2015, eminent artists, Pandit Rupak Kulkarni and Pandit Kalinath Mishra performed a blend of flute and tabla enthralling the audience in a stellar performance. Dr. N Rajam, a Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awardee in classical Indian music performed magic with her Violin, accompanied by Ajeet Pathak on tabla on 19 February, 2016, leaving the audience mesmerized. Students enjoyed her teachings along with the melodies.



The **4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainability and Management Strategy (ICSMS'15)** spread across two days – September 4 and 5, 2015 was organised by Centre of Sustainability, Growth and Development under guidance of faculty head Dr. Gajavelli V. S. The event saw Mr. Vijay Pratap Singh Aditya (CEO, Ekgaon), Mr. Dinesh K. Pillai (CEO, Mahindra Special Services Group, Mumbai), and Prof. P S Dutt (Chief Scientist - Council of Scientific & Industrial Research - National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI), Nagpur) as its keynote speakers. A total of 85 scholars from across the country participated in the event.

The **7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Information Technology and Business Intelligence** from 21 - 23 January, 2016 was organized at SRIET, Goa. With speakers like Dr. Bhaba Krishna Mohanty (IIM, Lucknow, India), Dr. Jonathan H. Chan (King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT), Thailand), Dr. Utpal Roy (Department of Computer & System Sciences, Visva-Bharati, Kolkata, India) and Dr. Naushad Ali (Department of Lib. & Info. Science, AMU, Aligarh, India) as its keynote speakers, the event witnessed over 150 participants and was conveyed by Dr. R.K Jena.







Mr. Laddha, who has been an operational strategist, spoke about AMUL, “Year 2020 plan is already there and it’s as detailed as it could be to reach the roots with the vision of the company in mind.”

**Shyam Laddha, CEO - Valsad District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd. (Amul)**

Dr. Qureshi, associated with various projects on social entrepreneurship, shared his valuable insights on this emerging field, “A social entrepreneur would see a social problem as a challenge, they go by their life experiences and try to solve the problem that lies in the society through the same means any entrepreneur would do it.”

**Dr. Israr Qureshi, Professor - IE Business School, Madrid**



The veteran HR leader spoke on the topic ‘Change in an organisation’ saying, “When you migrate from one role to another, you typically have a variation in taste. Though you make many mistakes as you move along but that is how you learn”

**Chetan Tolia, Chief HR - Tata Power**

“There should be a coalition between patience and apt resources while converting a prototype into a final product” remarked Mr. Mishra, an IIM - Calcutta graduate and partner at MART.

**Mr. Kirti Mishra, Partner - MART**



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Inking of new chapter.



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When one teaches, two learn.



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Alone we do little, together we achieve much.

## An IMTian's

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A new adventure, a new friend.

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Friendship - Life's greatest gift.

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Leadership by example – Guest Lectures.



## FIRST TIMERS AT

IMT-Nagpur conducted a spectrum of national level events this year, which accomplished new heights of

**1. Voyage** - A Start-up Internship Fair was organized by Entrepreneurship Cell and Placement Committee on 23 - 24 January, 2016, under the guidance of Dr. Shyam S, Prof. A. Kshatriya and Prof. T.K Chatterjee. The idea behind the fair was to give the students an exposure to the start-up culture and a bright future that these enterprises behold. The event witnessed a participation of 13 growing start-ups like Little Internet (Aggregators), PlanMyHealth (HealthCare), Gharfinder.com (Real Estate), Rubique (Finance) among others.



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**2. 'Aarambh'** – A national level B-Plan competition and **Young Entrepreneurs Conclave** – a panel discussion, were the two facets of Pantheon'16 – held on 16 - 17 January, 2016, by Entrepreneurship Cell under the faculty guidance of Dr. Shyam S. and Prof. Anil Kshatriya. The discussions at the conclave revolved around the theme: 'Phygital, a new wave of hyperlocal services'. This event provided a platform for the budding entrepreneurs to pitch their business ideas to **Prof. R. B. Deshmukh, Mr. Nishant Bohra, Mr. Nalin Mittal, Mr. Sangharakshak Neel and Mr. Mainak Bhattacharya.**



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**3.** For the first time ever IMT Nagpur had its TEDx event, **TEDx IMTN** on 31 January, 2016. With the theme of the event being “Decoding Mirages” the speakers tried decoding something that may not even be real, forget quantifiable! The six speakers, Anindita Banerji, Kartik Varma, Suhani Shah, Tavish Bhattacharya, Aparna Banerjee and Rahul Arya, touched upon a number of thoughts that took everyone aback, prompting them to reflect just a little and hoping to leave them a little inspired.



# INTERACTIONS

(Courtesy of Corporate Interaction Committee under the faculty head Dr. S. Senthil Kumar)



Mr. Biswajit Chakraborty is an expert in the field of finance. He talked about the changes in banking business saying, "Nowadays customer is the king and that to me is a significant change. So you have power & voice to say what exactly you want."

**Mr. Biswajit Chakraborty, COO - Willis (Accounting and Settlement)**

Her guest lecture was power packed with wisecracks like, "There are two things which determine if one would enter business, or not. Firstly, the viability of the business idea and secondly the interest one has in the business."

**Ms. Manika Prem Singh, Economist Entrepreneur and Founder - Orbis Economics**



Having scaled incredible heights in her professional career, Ms. Vasudevan's advice to the aspiring managers was, "Do not be cynical. You have an opportunity to change things. As soon as you become cynical, you are not a change agent."

**Ms. Sandhya Vasudevan, COO and MD - Deutsche Bank Group in India**

His lecture was full of comments on India's future like "Stronger Rupee will help India in keeping import bills under control when exports are not showing signs of recovery, partly because of competitive devaluation of the currencies of India's export competitors."

**Mr. Ritesh Kumar Singh, General Manager & Group Economist - Raymond Limited**



7 Student ventures on campus.



9 Celebrating moments of joy.



11 Endings create new beginnings.

## Journey

8 Always keep the child in you alive.



10 Giving back to the society to create a brighter tomorrow.



12 Memories last forever!



## IMT - Nagpur

success, giving a broader perspective of business world to the student managers.



**4. Drishticone** - A CxO conclave set on the theme "Innovation in Emerging Markets – Opportunities and Challenges" was successfully held by Corporate Interaction Committee under the direction of Dr. S Senthil Kumar. The event saw corporate personalities like Ms. Sandhya Vasudevan (COO – Deutsche Bank Group India), Mr. Biswajit Chakraborty (COO – Willis), Mr. Aashish P. Somaiyaa (MD and CEO – Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company Ltd.) and Mr. Manish Agarwal (Sr. VP – Kotak Mahindra Bank) coming down to IMT Nagpur campus on 5 December, 2015 to augment the exposure to corporate world.



**5. Concord**, the management Olympics held its pilot edition from 8 - 10 January, 2016, under the supervision of Prof. Hanish Rajpal. The event intended to sharpen the skills of students in diverse fields of management. A good blend of management games and guest lectures by Mr. Shyam Laddha, CEO – Valsad District Cooperative, Nagpur,



Mr. Rohan Jain, Branch Manager – Amul, Nagpur and Mr. Kirti Mishra, freelance strategist and integrator, increased the corporate acumen of student managers.



IMT Nagpur commemorated the birth anniversary of Shri Mahendra Nath, founder of the institute, through a memorial Lecture on the topic – 'Indian Governments spending' by Dr. Kirit S. Parikh, a renowned academician and a Padma-Bhushan awardee, on September 11, 2015. Eleven students of Batch '14-16 were awarded merit scholarships while eight with merit-cum-means scholarships.





## MODEL UNITED NATIONS'15

IMT Nagpur on 26 - 27 of September, 2015 witnessed the second edition of Model United Nations (MUN). The event saw a huge participant base of 180 from across the globe. MUN is an educational simulation of international relations and working of the United Nations. The executive board featured great variance with people hailing from diverse backgrounds, giving a holistic stance on the agendas. The participants delivered the "General Speaker's Speech" in an endeavour to raise and pass a resolution. Two days of intense parley created good memories for the student managers.



## MELANGE'15

Besides the chapter meets in Kolkata, Hyderabad and Delhi, Mélange – The Annual Alumni Meet saw the illustrious alma mater returning to campus for a two-day event organized on October 2, 2015 by the Alumni Committee under the supervision of Prof. Shiv Nath Sinha. Reliving the college days through various events, the gathering recollected anecdotes and past incidents that created memories for lifetime. The alumni interacted with the current batch and shared their experiences. The vibrancy of college permeated through the old students as they wandered in the hostel balconies and rekindled their campus memories. The event ended with everyone assembling around the glowing embers of bonfire in an evening of relaxing music.

## MILESTONE 35

Milestone 35, the flagship National Level Management and Cultural Fest was organized on 31 October, 2015 by Milestone Committee. The extravaganza saw a gush of creativity and zest among the participants under the guidance of Prof. Hanish Rajpal. IMT's academic forums organized gripping management games in their respective disciplines. The academic segment melted into the much-awaited Human Foosball, Footloose, War of the Bands and Fashion Show – Mirage. Personalities like Nitin Rivaldo, DJ-Zaeden and Indian Rock band - Antariksh made the event once in a lifetime experience. The event came to a close with students releasing lanterns in the night sky.



## BLOGS

Link: <https://imtnagpur.wordpress.com/?s=nagpur>

**Aakash Joshi** – “We believe that it is the establishment's responsibility to look after us, but we don't see any need to give anything in return...”

Dated: September 22, 2015

**Abhilash Mishra** – “My heart says that I have reached the place where I'll be able to shine bright as people are ready to invest in me here...”

Dated: December 4, 2015

**Harshit Gupta** – “Our own life's a journey, out of one room into another and on beyond the room of death into bright new world...”

Dated: January 1, 2016

**Divya George** – “The journey has begun, now surpass the sky...”

Dated: July 20, 2015

## STUDENT LAURELS

### IMT SHINES AT IIM INDORE SPORTS FEST

Ranbhoomi'16, the annual national sports fest of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Indore saw our students contesting in a multitude of sporting event. The women's Table Tennis team took the top stand by winning gold medals whereas the men's teams bagged silver medals in the other sports events.



### IMT WINS B-PLAN AT IIM SHILLONG

Siddharth Manghat, Vishwam Bhattacharjee and Wasim Sheikh secured second position with their idea of “Bamboo Textiles” in a business plan competition – Revolution, held at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Shillong, on September 19, 2015.

## BRAIN BYTES

1. What is the term used to refer rupee-denominated borrowings or bonds by Indian entities in overseas markets?
2. Amblin Partners is an American film company founded in December 2015 by Steven Spielberg, Jeff Skoll and who else?
3. Which famous Indian financial entity derives its logo from Kankaria Lake in Ahmedabad?
4. What is common to Urban Clap, Cardheko.com, Urban Ladder, Dogspot.in, besides the fact that they are all emerging Indian start - ups?
5. The world's most valued start-up borrows its name from German for tall and supreme person or quality. Can you name the company?

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