



## **IIM Shillong successfully holds 13th Convocation**

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**Shillong, April 20, 2022:** The Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Shillong a specialized management education and research institute held its 13th convocation today at its sprawling new campus at Umsawli, Shillong. The convocation ceremony was held at the campus after a gap of two years due to the pandemic. **Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty, Founder and Chairman of Narayana Health was the Chief Guest** on the occasion and delivered the convocation address.

Delivering his convocation address to students for successfully graduating from one of India's most prestigious academic institution, **Dr. Shetty** said, "The world in which or the world which was when you joined the IIM Shillong and the world how it is now when you are graduating are dramatically different. The world has turned upside down due to Covid. 100 years from now if a historian is going to write the history of the world, there would be two distinct periods, one is BC, that is, before covid, and the second is AC that is after covid. To be successful in life, to make a difference, to make this world a better place to live in, you have to think different." He further added "Whatever you do in your life, remember that the power of your purpose is more important than all the other strategies combined. So, try to choose a purpose by which you can make this world a better place to live in."

**Chairman of the Board of Governors, Shri Shishir Kumar Bajoria**, while congratulating the students and the faculty members said "While working further on you and on your career goals, always remember the values, we have all realized during the ongoing times, the value for caring for each other. Sensitivity to human needs, to the community needs, and the country's needs. My message to you is to learn to give back more than what you get. Although the crisis brought several human-institutional challenges, we as a community grew stronger. India as a country faced the pandemic in one of the best ways in the world, our leadership ensured that our heads were held high. Even when the pandemic was roaring all over the country, we could supply medicine and come to the rescue of many countries. All thanks to our leadership."

Speaking on the occasion, **Prof D.P. Goyal, Director, IIM, Shillong** said, Convocation is also an opportunity for us to share what we have accomplished during the year. Our institute made significant all-round progress. The most awaited moment for IIM Shillong was to be housed in our own campus. It is a matter of great satisfaction that we shifted to this new campus amid the pandemic. The work on the second and third phase is expected to be completed soon. IIM signed 8 MoUs with renowned global institutions last year. We published 96 research papers in top ranked international journals and presented several research papers in international conferences. Our management journal is now being published by global publishing houses." Further addressing the students, he said "Today is a great day for you, we wish to convey our congratulations to you for your success. We also want to thank you for unprecedented commitment towards success despite the pandemic. You have proved yourself. Your time at IIM Shillong must have provided you with immense learning. You have exhibited strong ethics. We are sure that these qualities will not just produce great business managers but leaders. We are proud of you. Please continue to drive growth and success in your professional endeavors. While working towards success, do not forget values that we have inculcated in you. Keep alive the curiosity and commitment towards learning.

This year, a total of 268 students graduated from the institute. Degrees were conferred upon 252 PGP students and 16 PGPEX students while two scholars were conferred with their PhD degree.

**It may be mentioned here that**

- Hardik Goyal from the batch of PGP 2022 and Ms. Shikha from batch of PGPEX 2022 was awarded Chairman's Gold Medal
- Shri Rathindra Nath Datta Gold Medal for securing the highest CGPA was awarded to Hardik Goyal from the batch of PGP 2022.
- Sanchit Chandna was awarded the Institute Silver Medal for securing the second highest CGPA.
- The Director's Gold Medal for the best all-rounder was awarded to Abhishek Khurana from PGP 2022 & Nisarg Shrivats from PGPEX2022
- The Institute Gold Medal for Positive Contribution to Campus Life was awarded to Pranav Agarwal from PGP2022.