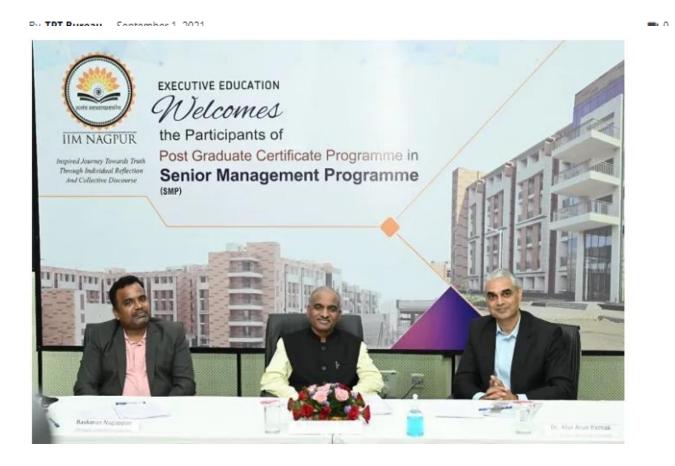
## IIM Nagpur – The Youngest IIM to venture into Senior Management Programme (SMP)

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The first batch of the **Senior Management Programme (SMP)** was inaugurated on August 29, 2021, by Shri. C P Gurnani, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIM Nagpur and MD & CEO of Tech Mahindra. **IIM Nagpur's SMP** was heavily oversubscribed and has enrolled 125 participants. IIM Nagpur's SMP has a highly diverse set of participants, drawn from over 110 companies with an average work experience of 18 years. This makes the IIM Nagpur's SMP, a best in the class programme among all the leading Indian B-Schools.

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Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director, IIM Nagpur shared the current & future plans of IIM Nagpur including various degree and PhD programmes and Executive Education Programme being offered by IIM Nagpur including satellite campus at Pune. Dr. Metri encouraged the participants to continually learn, unlearn and relearn throughout their lives and to keep themselves updated to be successful in highly dynamic & challenging environments.

Dr. Atul Arun Pathak, Chairperson, Executive Education & Programme Director of SMP highlighted the key differentiating features of the programme including Chamber Consulting, industry speaker series and townhalls. He urged the participants to benefit from the academic rigour, networking opportunities and growth potential offered via the SMP programme.

Mr. Anish Srikrishna, CEO of Times Professional Learning (TPL), the marketing partner of IIM Nagpur congratulated the participants for being selected from a large pool of applicants for this prestigious programme. He stressed that this is a tremendous endorsement for the first batch of such a programme for any institute.