

Offline, online, hybrid batches get degrees in IIM convocation

424 Students Conferred PGP Mgmt Degrees

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Nagpur: In a mix of all modes of learning, two previous and one current batch were jointly awarded over 400 degrees in the flagship postgraduate programme (PGP) in management at the Indian Institute of Management's new campus at Mihan on Sunday.

The oldest among three waited two years of the pandemic to get the coveted degrees. Most from the youngest came to the campus only for the convocation. While the middle one faced the toughest

challenge of transitioning from a year of offline teaching to only online.

Samruddhi Koli, who was awarded the best all-round performance for 2020-22, found the online teaching mode opening up more learning opportunities.

Eina Gupta, who bagged the best scholastic performance award for 2019-21, initially had an adjustment problem with online after having been taught for a year on campus.

T Bharath, the best all-round performance awardee from 2018-20, was mesmerized seeing the new state-of-



COLOURS OF CONCLAVE

Dignitaries at the 4th, 5th & 6th Annual Convocation of Indian Institute of Management Nagpur held in Mihan on Sunday



Ankita Joshi



Sheikh Fareed Ahmad



Eina Gupta



T Bharath



Samruddhi Koli



Dimpy Khurana

the-art campus as he completed his course at the makeshift VNIT building.

Dimpy Khurana, gold medalist for scholastic performance from the batch of 2020-22, said though she missed the in-class experience at that time, the effort of their professors always encouraged them to transcend their abilities and learn everything about business education.

"Our batch had the unique exposure of transitioning from online classes to the makeshift campus at VNIT, Bharosa, and finally the permanent campus at Mihan. These transitions were full of challenges, but with the support of faculty, admini-

nistration, and fellow students, each one of us came out as a winner," she said.

SN Subrahmanyam, CEO and managing director, Larsen & Toubro, was the chief guest for the ceremony. "We are rapidly advancing towards the digital world and this is going to be our future. Be prepared to face the challenges of this digital world with new opportunities," he said in his convocation address.

CP Gurmani, chairman, Board of Governors at IIM-N, and institute director Bhimaraya Metri were present.

"Many crises like the Covid pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war have plagued the world one after another.

This has caused a lot of upheaval in all areas and created a lot of issues. But even in the scenario of worldly crisis, many innovations like outsourcing, startups have brought good opportunities and new talent. Set your goals, and work hard to achieve them without using any shortcuts. Success and failure are an integral part of life. Try correcting mistakes, get into the habit of reading," said Subrahmanyam.

A total of 424 students were conferred PGP management degrees. Ankita Joshi for 2018-20 batch and Sheikh Fareed Ahmad for 2019-21 batch were the other toppers from their respective batches.