

## **Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon Commencement of PGPM Energy batch (2015- 17) addressed by Shri Praveer Sinha, CEO & Managing Director, Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd.**

**New Delhi, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2015:** Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon, a premier management institute in the country, commenced the academic year of its 6<sup>th</sup> batch of PGPM Energy (2015-2017) today in a ceremony held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The ceremony was addressed by the honourable **Chief Guest Shri Praveer Sinha, CEO & Managing Director, Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd.**

The ceremony began with the lighting of the auspicious lamp in the presence of Shri Praveer Sinha, CEO & Managing Director, Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd., Mr. Mohan Lakhamraju, Vice Chairman, Great Lakes Institute of Management, Dr. BSK Naidu, Chairman Emeritus, Great Lakes, Gurgaon, Dr. Himadri Das, Director, Great Lakes, Gurgaon, Dr. V.P. Singh, Programme Director, PGPM (Energy), Great Lakes, Gurgaon, and Dr. Umashankar Venkatesh, Programme Director, PGPM, Great Lakes, Gurgaon.

Delivering the commencement address, Chief Guest **Shri Praveer Sinha, CEO & Managing Director, Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd.**, congratulated students and shared *“not many people in our country are fortunate to earn two degrees or to go for a post-graduation course. All of you have got this opportunity and it comes along with the responsibility of making the best of it and becoming the catalyst to bring enormous change in the society. Energy is the core component for human life. Electricity gives access to education, entertainment and enables functioning of several day to day activities. It is exciting to be a part of such a sector. You all must drive yourselves with passion to know and work towards the various issues that the country is facing in the energy domain to make the country a better place to live in. I wish you all a great success.”*

Addressing the gathering, **Mr. Mohan Lakhamraju, Vice - Chairman, Great Lakes Institute of Management**, shared, *“it is always very joyous to first welcome the new batch and then witness them transforming in to high quality professionals in the span of two years. This is the very purpose of a good institute and to gain maximum out if this journey of two years you all must fully engage and immerse in what the institution has to offer. You all must have a vision in life and must utilise these two years in making it a life changing experience.*

Welcoming the new batch, **Dr. Himadri Das, Director, Great Lakes, Gurgaon**, began with a brief introduction of the institute to the students. He also inspired students by sharing achievements of the previous batches and encouraged them to surpass those achievements. *“Great Lakes has a tradition of giving a unique name to every new batch. This new batch will be called **“Photons”** which means packets of light energy and the name was chosen to be in sync with the current government’s interest in renewable energy, in general, and solar energy, in particular”,* announced, Dr. Das.

Congratulating the new batch, **Dr. BSK Naidu, Chairman Emeritus, Great Lakes, Gurgaon**, said, *“It is important to have high scores, presentation skills, analytical skills and good experience to move ahead in life. But it is passion that will take you to places. People with passion always challenge themselves, beating their own benchmark and then looking for new benchmarks. This is how they turn impossible in to possible”. He further inspired students by giving examples of great personalities such as Mahatma Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln and Sachin Tendulkar, “they all followed their passion without compromising their values in life,”* expressed, Dr. Naidu.

Motivating the new batch, **Dr. V.P. Singh, Programme Director, PGPM (Energy), Great Lakes, Gurgaon**, expressed *“the happiest moments come to life only after we cross the hurdles or problems we face in life. But it is important that we all stay motivated through tough times and stay undeterred towards our goals. He suggested that anticipation is the key to stay motivated. “We should keep working harder as we never know what great presents life has in store for us, this feeling of anticipation makes things exciting and pleasurable”, said, Dr. Singh.*

The ceremony came to an end with **Dr. Umashankar Venkatesh, Programme Director, PGPM, Great Lakes, Gurgaon** delivering the vote of thanks.

The PGPM (Energy) of 2013-15 was well received by the industry and the average compensation received was Rs. 8.74 lakhs p.a. with the highest being Rs. 13 lakhs. The batch of 2015 received a bouquet of offers from companies across Energy, IT, Internet Business, Consulting, Analytics and Healthcare sectors. The list of companies that participated in the process included names like Aon Hewitt, Atlanta Energy, Bharat Light and Power, Cognizant, Deloitte US, Evalueserve, Genpact, HCL, HT Media, Indiamart, KPMG, Mahanagar Gas Ltd., NIIT Technologies, Shopclues, Droom, Sterlite Grid, Sun Edison, Window Force Management etc.

The students of PGPM (Energy) class of 2013-15 also performed exceptionally well in several events and competitions. Some of the achievements included - publishing of case titled 'Should Cairn India Venture in to Offshore Drilling' at Richard Ivey, the best project award in the Eco Home Building Competition organized by International Youth Society, winners of the campus round of Cairn India ACE III and so on.

Some of the achievements of PGPM Energy batch of (2014-2016) include selection of a paper on 'Solar Rooftops in India' for presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> New Energy Forum 2015 to be held at Xi'an, China, selection of paper for presentation at the International Student Energy Summit (ISES) 2015 at Indonesia and article on 'Power of Himalayan Forests' published in Energy Next Magazine.

### **About PGPM (Energy)**

The two-year Post Graduate Program in Management (Energy) is dedicated to developing the next generation of leadership in the energy sector. The program offers dual specialization with domain specialization in Power, Oil & Gas, and Renewable Energy and in addition to functional specializations in Finance, Operations & Marketing. The PGPM (Energy) seeks to develop motivated management professionals equipped with comprehensive domain knowledge and capable of being productive from their first day of engagement with the corporate world.

**About Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon-** Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon is a unique Center of Excellence in India focused on nurturing managerial and leadership talent for our Country, specifically in fast growing and dynamic sectors like Energy, Digital Commerce and Data Analytics. The Institute's activities include full and part time post graduate management programs in Energy and General Management, corporate training programs, consulting services and independent research to enhance the intellectual capital and knowledge base in its areas of focus. The Post Graduate Programs seek to develop motivated management professionals equipped with comprehensive domain knowledge and capable of being productive from their first day of engagement with the corporate world. More details can be found at [www.greatlakes.edu.in/gurgaon](http://www.greatlakes.edu.in/gurgaon)

**About Great Lakes Institute of Management-** Great Lakes was founded in 2004 by Padma Shri Dr. Bala V. Balachandran with a vision of becoming the leading Management Institution in India providing Quality Education at an affordable cost and Human Capital for Emerging Economies. Led by exceptional academic faculty, steered by an outstanding advisory council and buoyed by the international collaborations, Great Lakes



has, within a short span of 10 years emerged as a top-ranked business school, ranked 7th among 1 year MBA program by Outlook India, 7th under Executive Programs by Business Today, 7th among private B-schools by Careers 360 and 10th among top Indian B-schools by Business India in 2014. In 2014, Great Lakes was accredited by Association of MBAs (AMBA, UK) for its PGPM and PGXPM programs and became the youngest B-school in India to receive this prestigious international accreditation. In 2015, Great Lakes received SAQS international accreditation. Great Lakes has 50+ full time faculty and 130+ visiting faculty including over 20 international faculty from top global schools like Yale, Kellogg, Stanford, etc. Further collaborations with world's leading institutions like Nanyang Technological University, University of Houston, University of Bordeaux, etc., have helped Great Lakes in globally benchmarking its programs. Great Lakes has a 27.5 acres LEED Platinum rated green campus in Chennai and a second campus in Delhi-NCR.