



Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon Convocation 2017 presided over by Mr. Ajay S. Shriram, Chairman & Senior Managing Director, DCM Shriram Ltd.

New Delhi, 11th July, 2017: Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon, a premier management institute in the country, held its 6th Annual Convocation for the class of PGPM 2016-17 and PGPM (Energy) 2015-17 today at the Air Force Auditorium, Subroto Park, New Delhi. The event also witnessed the commencement ceremony of the new batch PGDM (17 -19) in the presence of **Chief Guest, Mr. Ajay S. Shriram, Chairman & Senior Managing Director, DCM Shriram Ltd. & Guest of Honor, Mr. Dhruv Shringi, Co-Founder & CEO of Yatra.com**

The venue was brimming with energy reflecting the sense of anticipation among the students wearing ceremonial graduation regalia, waiting to receive their graduation certificates. At this year's convocation ceremony, 124 students got graduation certificates, out of which 93 students were from PGPM 2016-17 (Post Graduate Program in Management) & 31 students were from PGPM-Energy (Post Graduate Program in Management-Energy) 2015-17.

The Chief Guest for the occasion, Mr. Ajay S. Shriram, Chairman & Senior Managing Director, DCM Shriram Ltd. delivered the convocation address and handed over the certificates to the graduating students in the presence of **Dr. Bala V Balachandran, Founder, Dean and Chairman, Great Lakes Institute of Management, Mr. Mohan Lakhamraju, Vice-Chairman, Great Lakes Institute of Management, Dr. Himadri Das, Director, Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon, faculty, students and parents.**

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Ajay Shriram, shared, *“you all are going to embark on a new journey in life, so, I would like to share with you all some of the softer issues which are important for every organisation and leader. Firstly, learning never ends, it is a continuous process and you all should stay inspired to learn more and more, digital content has made learning opportunities absolutely unlimited and you must utilise that. Secondly, relationships are very important for success. The family comes first, be connected and take care of each other in ups and downs. Organisations must build strong relationships with all the stakeholders on the basis of trust and values. Thirdly, people, team work is very important and to work with people be a good listener from other person's perspective. Customer satisfaction is linked with employee satisfaction, so motivating employees positively will impact the bottom line. Fourthly, you must inculcate and follow strong value systems, high ethical standards, maintaining transparency and so on. I personally believe that values will always drive you in right direction. Fifthly, optimism is a key to success; it gives you confidence and creates positive energy to overcome problems efficiently”.*

Congratulating the graduating students, Dr. Bala V Balachandran, said, *“we are living in tremendous times, in the coming few years we all are going to see lots of unprecedented activities both in the services as well as manufacturing industries. There will be better business models with better technology as currently all fields are being challenged by disruptive technology, artificial intelligence and internet of things.” Exemplifying disruptive technologies, he mentioned Tesla car and how Singapore would have driverless cabs soon. He further added that Indian techies have such a reputation in the world that it is perceived that if an Indian techie cannot solve a problem, nobody can. He inspired students to make the best of these opportunities taking advantage of Great Lakes Culture that is - GLC culture – where G stands for Globality in mind with strong Indian roots L for Liberal education and C for Cerebral in your thinking”.*

As a part of the convocation ceremony, a number of academic honors were handed to the meritorious students. In the PGPM Energy batch, gold medals were awarded to Malay Nigam for academic excellence and for being the best outgoing student. In PGPM batch, gold medals were awarded to Afzal Anwar and Shatabdi Kalita for academic excellence, and Ashish Ranjeet Singh for being the best outgoing student

The ceremony was followed by a formal welcoming of the PGDM Class of 2017- 19 with the commencement address delivered by the **Guest of Honor, Mr. Dhruv Shringi, Co-Founder & CEO of Yatra.com.**

Mr. Dhruv Shringi inspired the students by sharing his journey of becoming an entrepreneur. *“Entrepreneurship for me has always been about a state of mind. It doesn’t matter where you are, in a small organization or a big one, if you have that state of mind, you’ll always take the initiative, you’ll always go that extra mile, and try to do things differently and always think about improving the way things are done”,* shared, Mr. Shringi. He further added that the most difficult thing to do as an entrepreneur is to sell a dream to the first few people that join your team. He concluded his speech advising the students to not look at a job as a job but as an opportunity to build certain skills. He asked the students to have a vision of what they wish to do 5-10 years down the line and then work backwards towards building every skill that will take them there.

Welcoming the new batch, Dr Himadri Das, Director, Great Lakes Institute of Management Gurgaon, said, *“at Great Lakes, we believe in creating an environment where our students can take initiative, be innovative and learn across multiple dimensions to transform their lives for a better future. We have a tradition at Great Lakes to give a unique name to every batch that signifies innovativeness and advance thinking, a name that has its basis in history. Considering this, the PGDM batch 2017- 2019 would be named as “Aztecs”.*

The one year PGPM program (2016-17) graduates also had excellent placements across marquee companies with average compensation of Rs. 10.51 lakhs p.a. with the highest being Rs. 15.5 lakhs p.a. Some of the companies that participated in the process were Aditya Birla Group, Cognizant, Deloitte, HCL Technologies, EvaluateServe, MuSigma, Shell, Servion, Shopclues, Droom, Hexaware etc. The profiles offered

included Consulting/IT Consulting, Sales & Marketing, Product Management, Finance, Operations and Analytics.

The PGPM (Energy) class of 2015-17 was well received by the industry and the average compensation received was Rs. 9.1 lakhs p.a. with the highest being Rs. 13.5 lakhs p.a. The batch of 2015-17 received a bouquet of offers from companies across IT/ITES, Consulting, Internet Business, BFSI, Technology, Energy, Oil & Gas sectors. The list of companies that participated in the process included names like Aditya Birla Group, Deloitte, KPMG, HCL Technologies, Shell, Sterlite, Happay, Droom, Feedback Infra, Map My India, etc. to name a few.

About Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon: Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon is a unique Centre of Excellence in India focused on nurturing managerial and leadership talent for our Country. The Institute's activities include full and part time post graduate management programs in 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. The 7.2 acre Great Lakes Gurgaon campus is located just off NH8 close to Manesar and is easily accessible from the corporate hubs of Gurgaon and the Delhi IGI Airport. The Campus is fully residential with Wi-Fi enabled, air-conditioned hostels to ensure students coming from all over the country have a comfortable stay and a great peer learning experience. More details can be found at www.greatlakes.edu.in/gurgaon