



**Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon Convocation 2018 presided over by Captain Abhimanyu Singh, Cabinet Minister, Haryana and Sumant Sinha, Chairman & CEO, ReNew Power.**



**16th July, 2018, New Delhi:** Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon, a premier management institute in the country, held its 7th Annual Convocation for the Class of 2018 today at the India Habitat Center, New Delhi. The ceremony was graced by the presence of **Chief Guest, Captain Abhimanyu Singh, Cabinet Minister, Haryana** and **Guest of Honor, Mr Sumant Sinha, Founder, Chairman & CEO, ReNew Power.**

Delivering the convocation address, **Captain Abhimanyu Singh**, lauded the Institute for staying true to its motto of “Global Mindset, Indian Roots” and encouraged it to focus on experiential learning for management professionals. He added that, *“it is commendable to see that Great Lakes Institute of Management, in a very short span of time and under the leadership of very successful leaders and academicians, has created a niche for itself in the field of the management education among the top Indian institutes.”* He also shared his views and vision for further development of Haryana, saying that, *“we don’t only yearn to make Haryana a destination for industrial development but also a destination of good quality lifestyle in India, where in, anyone thinking to settle down abroad must consider staying in Haryana instead.”*

The ceremony also witnessed the commencement of PGDM Class of 2018-20. Delivering the commencement address, **Mr Sumant Sinha** shared lessons from growth story of ReNew Power and how **in 7 years it has grown to become India’s largest independent renewable energy company.** He shared with students how sticking to the **core value system and ambition of establishing “both a clean energy business and a clean business”** has enabled winning the trust and respect of all stakeholders though having

to face challenges in the short run. ***“So, I advise you to learn to believe in integrity, honesty and never ever compromise with your value system”***, added Mr Sinha.

Addressing the gathering, Padmashri Dr. Bala V Balachandran, Founder, Dean & Chairman, Great Lakes Institute of Management, said, ***“to be a successful business manager, you all should understand that learning is a continuous process. We are witnessing the fourth industrial revolution, and you all should learn about artificial intelligence, machine learning, analytics, block chain, 3d printing, augmented reality and so on to stay ahead in your career. “Today, you have the option of online learning and you all must make the best of it.”***, he added.

Congratulating the students, Mr. Mohan Lakhamraju, Vice-Chairman & CEO, Great Lakes Institute of Management, said, ***“Persistence and hard work will contribute to your success much more than anything else as there are umpteen numbers of examples in history showcasing that these two virtues are more valuable than luck, talent, background or aptitude.”*** He also shared his belief with the students that, ***“It is said that fortune favours the brave, but I believe that fortune favours the prepared.”***

As a part of the convocation ceremony, a number of academic honors were handed to the meritorious students. Rishi Dev Ratan and Himani Wason received gold medals for academic excellence while Rishi Dev Ratan and Arijit Chatterjee received gold medals for being the Dr Bala V Balachandran outstanding performer.

The graduating classes of 2018 witnessed the best ever placement season for Great Lakes, Gurgaon, and now, join a global alumni pool of nearly 8000 spread across 30 countries.

**About Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon:** Great Lakes Institute of Management, Gurgaon, established in 2010, has emerged as one of India’s most innovative business schools pioneering the adoption of cutting edge technology in business decision making. It is the second campus of Great Lakes Institute of Management, Chennai, which is ranked among the top business schools in India (3rd by Outlook & 4th by BusinessWorld among one year MBAs, 9th by Business India, 14<sup>th</sup> by Business Today and 16th by NIRF rankings by Ministry of HRD among top business schools in India in 2017-2018). The Gurgaon campus has extensive engagement with corporates catering to their human capital requirements while also befitting from the perspectives of senior leaders actively participating in design and delivery of our programs. Great Lakes, Gurgaon, was the first b-school in India to offer an Analytics specialization in 2013 and to launch a world class executive program in Analytics (PGPBABI) which is now ranked No.1 business analytics program in India for 3 years in a row. Great Lakes, Gurgaon is also the first business school in the country to offer specialization in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. The Gurgaon campus offers two full time programs - PGPM & PGDM - apart from executive programs. With a strategically located residential campus in the corporate hub of Gurgaon, students have access to extensive perspectives from CXOs as well as gaining practical experience through live projects helping them develop into Business Ready managers ready to deliver from Day 1.