

## **Convocation Ceremony 2016**

K J SIMSR's Convocation for PGDM batch 2014-16 was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016, Saturday at the Gargi Plaza located close to the KJ Somaiya College of Engineering. The Chief Guest for the ceremony was Dr. Raman Ramachandran in the company of the trustees of the Somaiya trust. The batches that graduated included PGDM Core, PGDM International Business, PGDM Retail Management, PGDM Communications, PGDM Financial Services and PGDM Executive.

The ceremony began with a grand procession of the entire faculty starting from from the KJ SIMSR campus to the Gargi Plaza. Prof. Uma Bhushan, the Chairperson of the Convocation Committee opened the ceremony which was followed by Prof. Reena Mehta reciting the campus prayer and a two-minute silence being observed in memory of Rahul Manekar (PGDM Communications, 16-18). Once the dignitaries on the stage lit the ceremonial lamp, the convocation ceremony officially began.

Prof. Dr. Monica Khanna then proceeded to the dais to present the Director's Report where she touched upon the outstanding progress in placement and academic areas. Some of the highlights of her speech included hundred percent placement record for batch 2014-16 with the highest salary being 21.17 lpa and the average being approximately 9 lpa. She credited the SIMSR's Placement Committee for their hard work and dedication for being able to get 230 companies on campus that included top notch companies including Google, J P Morgan, ITC Hotels and many more. She also highlighted the placement scenario of the PGDM Executive batch that had 55 companies on campus with the highest salary being 12 lpa and the average being 10 lpa that was offered.

Dr. Monica Khanna went on to mention the numerous achievements of the SIMSR faculties, which include publications, collaborative research and awards. She then recounted the triumphs of SIMSR students that participated in events across India in various institutes in which 75 won first prize, 52 won the first runner up prize and 7 won the second runner up prize.

Last but not the least, she brought into light SIMSR's improved ranking in business magazines and the phenomenal increase in closing ranks for PGDM batch 2016-18.

Our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Raman was then invited on stage to deliver the Convocation Address. He addressed the budding managers about self-learning and the importance of mentors and role models. He concluded his speech with the wise words: 'Stay curious and to never shy away from asking WHY.'

The function was taken forward by Shri Samir Somaiya who delivered the Presidential Address. The students were enthralled by his inspiring life story, which made a point that learning can come from anyone and at any moment. His speech reminded all to be grateful to our benefactors.

The proceedings then led to the medals and awards ceremony with the first and second rank students from each class being awarded the gold and silver medals respectively. Dr. Raman then awarded all the graduates their diploma certificates. Following were the the Gold winners:

PGDM: Ms. Sukriti Gupta

PGDM IB: Ms. Shreya Devan Devadathan

PGDM RM: Mr. Rahul Chhabria

PGDM FS: Mr. Adarsh jain

PGDM Comm: Ms. Saloni Jain

PGDM Executive: Mr. Dilip Anantharaman

The Convocation Ceremony ended with the graduates throwing their caps into the air, which was a beautiful moment for all of them. The ceremony was indeed a memorable event!

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Some glimpses from the ceremony:











