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**PRESS RELEASE**

**The first Alumni Meet for PMA/SPA/FABM at IIMA**

**9 January 2017, Ahmedabad:** IIM Ahmedabad organised it’s first ever Alumni Meet for its graduates from PMA/SPA/FABM programmes on the 7th and 8th of January 2017.

This was the first ever sector specific alumni reunion organised at IIM Ahmedabad campus and was attended by some of the most notable alumni of the institute like Mr. Parmesh Shah, Lead Rural Development Specialist, The World Bank (1982 batch), Mr. Abhinay Chaudhary, Co-founder Bigbasket.com (1997 batch), Mr. Anurag Agarwal, CEO, Parvata Foods Pvt. Ltd. (2013 batch). Professionals from the industry and the developmental sector, academicians and entrepreneurs in agri-business domain constituted the alumni pool.

**Prof. Ashish Nanda, Director, IIMA, while interacting with the participants, discussed the impact IIMA's FABM graduates have had, during and after their IIMA education. Appreciating their contributions, he said “students in the agribusiness program have put their IIMA education to excellent use in the organisations they have joined and the enterprises they have started. Given their background and interests, they have also contributed valuable perspectives that have enriched the educational experience of students in other programs on the campus."**

**Prof. Debjit Roy, Chairperson PGP-FABM, IIMA added, “It was very heartening to see the accomplishments of our distinguished PMA/SPA/ABM alumni. They have marked their presence in the pressing needs of our economy such as rural development, agri-infrastructure development, World Bank projects, and improving inefficiencies in the food value chains through online grocery deliveries among others. We are committed to stay connected with our alumni, leverage their strengths, and take the PGP-FABM programme to greater heights in terms of reach, relevance, and providing more opportunities to the FABM students.”**

Over the two day event, they discussed about the role of current students, faculty and the alumni community of IIM Ahmedabad in developing and contributing to the Indian agri-business sector- small & medium enterprises in particular, at the same time making impact at the global level.

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**About FABM:**

Post Graduate Programme in Food and Agri-Business Management is two year full-time residential programme, ranked no. 1 in the world, among Agribusiness/Food Industry Management Programme by Eduniversal, Paris (<http://www.best-masters.com/>) for the year 2016-17. The programme was started in 1971, as the Programme for Management in Agriculture (PMA), which was a one year programme. It was then transformed into a two year programme - specialization Programme in Agriculture (SPA) and the first batch of SPA graduated in 1976.

​The PGP-FABM Programme has evolved over the years and ventured beyond agriculture to food processing, commodities, rural development and more. The programme is specifically designed to develop effective managers, leaders and entrepreneurs for food and agribusiness sector.

**About Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA)**

Established in 1961, the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA) is recognized globally for excellence in management education. One of the top management schools in the world, IIMA educates leaders of the enterprises. The Institute’s strategic priorities include: strengthening connection with its various constituencies, including academics, practitioners, alumni, and the community; nurturing a high performance work environment of stretch, autonomy, and teamwork; and strategic growth while maintaining emphasis on quality. As per the latest ranking by The Economist, IIMA is No. 1 School in the world on the parameter of opening up new career opportunities for students. The flagship Post Graduate Programme (PGP) is ranked 16th in the Financial Times Masters in Management Ranking 2016. As per the Financial Times’ Global MBA Ranking 2016, IIMA’s Post Graduate Programme for Executives (PGPX) is ranked 24th in the World.

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