

**Press Release**

**Indian Army (MADRAS Regiment) Symphony Band to perform at IIMA**

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It will be a memorable day on February 17 for the students, faculty and staff of IIM Ahmedabad, when they will enjoy the unique symphony presentation by the Indian Army (MADRAS Regiment) Symphony Band at the iconic Louis Kahn Plaza at IIM Ahmedabad.

The evening of music is part of a chain of events being conducted by the participants of Armed Forces Programme (AFP 17).AFP Programmes are conducted annually by IIM Ahmedabad for ensuring smooth transition of Armed Forces Officers into the corporate world. The current batch has 60 participants from all three services.

The Indian Army (MADRAS Regiment) Symphony Band was raised in 1951 as a brass band at Wellington and has evolved over the years to its current form. In order to add variety to the music, Indian classical music instruments like santoor, sitar, tabla were also incorporated with the military band.

*Prof. Shailesh Gandhi, Dean Programmes at IIMA said, “We are thankful to the Indian Army (MADRAS Regiment) Symphony band which has the unique privilege of performing during the visits of various foreign dignitaries to India at the Rashtrapati Bhawan and during national level functions like Republic Day, Independence Day and Beating the Retreat ceremonies, for performing at IIMA and to RBL Bank for supporting this positive initiative.”*

The Army Symphony Band consists of three sections–the Wood Wind Section comprising flute, piccolo, oboe, clarinet, saxophone and bassoon. The tone is produced by a column of air vibrating with a pipe that has little vents on its side.

The Brass section comprises the horn, cornet, trumpet, trombone, euphonium and tuba. These instruments are indispensable for melody, sustaining harmony, rhythmic accent and for the weight of their massive tone.

The Percussion section has a variety of instruments that are made to sound by striking or shaking. The glockenspiel, xylophone, chimes, drum, and several others make up this section.

The Symphony Band will present tunes composed by renowned composers like Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, Michael Mann, Pascual Marquina Narro, Michael Mann.

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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. IIMA has been ranked as #1 Management institute as per the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

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