**PGP-FABM FINAL PLACEMENTS 2019**

**IIM AHMEDABAD**

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The Final Placement Process for the PGP–FABM (Post-Graduate Programme in Food and Agribusiness Management) for the batch of 2017-19 was successfully concluded on February 11, 2019. The batch, comprising of 45 students, explored opportunities in a diverse set of industries within the food, agribusiness, and allied sectors. The successful completion of the placement process within a day is a testament to the unique pedagogy adopted at the institute, the holistic learning experience, and capabilities of the candidates, and the robust placement process that provides adequate flexibility to both the recruiters and the students. The dynamic and the structured system employed for organizing the placement process was well-appreciated by the recruiters as a way of effectively matching the candidate talent with the opportunities.

The candidates leveraged their sector-specific knowledge, and the managerial competence and business acumen developed at IIM Ahmedabad, to deliver an exceptional performance during the placement process. The recruiters capitalized on the diverse talent offered at the institute, by offering a wider set of roles in multiple domains. IIMA’s unparalleled focus on Food & Agriculture sector has been recognized by the industry. A total of 30 companies participated at the Final Placements 2019, ranging from sectors as FMCG, Agri Inputs and Services, Food Processing and Supply Chain, Food and Agribusiness PE-VC, Food and Agri Consulting, Agri Commodity Trading, E-Commerce, and Retail. The substantial number of recruiters and diverse roles on offer reiterated the trust the industry places in the PGP-FABM Programme and its students.

Firms such as Godrej Agrovet, PI Industries, Jain Irrigation, Pioneering Ventures, Ninjacart and

Waycool extended three offers each. The process welcomed first-time recruiters like Ernst and Young (EY), RBL Bank and Reliance Foundation. RaboBank and INI Farms renewed their relationship with the PGP-FABM programme. Other regular recruiters including Cloudtail, Reckitt Benckiser, ADM, KPMG, Tierra reaffirmed their confidence in the programme, extending multiple offers to the students.

Agri-startups are transforming agriculture value chains by application of new technologies and ushering a sustainable and innovation-led growth in the country. The focus of these ventures often revolves around supply chain, infrastructure, finance, farm and data analytics and information platforms. PGP-FABM alumni have also been founders of successful ventures such as Big Basket, Gramophone, SuperZop and Our Food. The students of PGP-FABM programme at IIM Ahmedabad gave further impetus to the entrepreneurial spirit and embraced the opportunities in Agri-startups like Ninjacart, Agrostar, Gramophone, Waycool, Kheyti, and Our Food.

*Prof. Amit Karna, Placement Chair at IIM Ahmedabad said,* “The successful completion of the placement process at IIM Ahmedabad within a day bears testament to the academic rigor of the FABM programme and the excellent quality of students that the programme produces. Our placement process provided a fair and transparent process enabling recruiters to find the right talent to become future leaders of their organizations. We are thankful to the industry for the continued trust placed by the recruiters in our placement process and the PGP-FABM programme, and wish all the students a shining career ahead.”

*Prof. Viswanath Pingali, PGP-FABM Programme Chair said,* “As a chairperson, I feel proud of the fact that the program continues to achieve complete placement within hours of placement season beginning. We are continuously striving to change the program keeping in view the latest needs of the industry, and it feels great that our experiments are being justified by a very important stakeholder: the industry. I would like to congratulate all students and firms for successful recruitment and wish them great success ahead.”

Further details about the placement process will be released in an audited report, as per the Indian Placement Reporting Standards (IPRS). The IPRS is an initiative introduced by IIMA to bring about greater transparency in B-school placement reporting across the country.

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**About Post Graduate Programme in Food & Agribusiness Management at IIMA**

The Post Graduate Programme in Food & Agribusiness Management (PGP-FABM) is a residential 2-year full-time programme designed to meet the diverse demands of agribusiness, food and allied sectors through specialised managerial talent. Running since 1972, IIM Ahmedabad's PGP-FABM programme is currently ranked number one among the top programmes worldwide in the MBA (Agribusiness/Food Industry Management) Global Ranking for the fifth year conducted by Eduniversal, Paris.

**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 the percentage of students who receive a job offer within three months of graduation and No. 2 on the percentage increase on pre-MBA salary. The flagship Post Graduate Programme (PGP) is ranked 19th in the *Financial Times* Masters in Management Ranking 2018. As per the *Financial Times’* Global MBA Ranking 2018, IIMA’s Post Graduate Programme for Executives (PGPX) is ranked 31st 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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