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XLRI Holds 16th Graduation Ceremony of Executive Diploma Programmes

649 students of XLRI's Virtual Interactive Learning (VIL), Executive Diploma in Human Resource Management Programme (EDHRM), Postgraduate Certificate in HRM (PGCHRM), Agribusiness Management Programme (PGP-ABM) and Entrepreneurship Development Programme (PGP-CEM) received their graduating certificates and medals

7th April, 2018: XLRI- Xavier School of Management, one of India's premier B-School, organized 16th Graduation Ceremony for students of its Executive Diploma Programmes. The event was held today at the Tata Auditorium, XLRI campus, Jamshedpur.

The event was graced by **Dr. Ashok Agarwal** (*Founder and Non-Executive Director of Transcorp International Limited*) as the Chief Guest, **Fr. E Abraham S.J.** (*Director, XLRI*), **Dr. Ashis K. Pani** (*Dean – Academics, XLRI*), **Dr. Ram Kumar Kakani** (*Associate Dean, VIL Programmes, XLRI*), **Prof. Vishwa Ballabh** (*Chairperson, Entrepreneurship Development Centre (EDC) – XLRI*), **Prof. M. G. Jomon** (*Chairperson, In-Company Programmes (ICP) – XLRI*), **Prof. P. Venugopal** (*Chairperson, Agribusiness Programme – XLRI*) and other dignitaries.

Dr. Ashok Agarwal also delivered the **Graduation Address** at the event.

On this significant day, **649 students** of XLRI's various Executive Diploma Programmes including **526 students** graduated of **Virtual Interactive Learning (VIL) Programmes (265 students of Postgraduate Certificate in Business Management; 261 students of Postgraduate Certificate in Human Resource Management)**, **40 students of Executive Diploma in Human Resource Management Programme (EDHRM)**, **32 students of Postgraduate Certificate in HRM- Accenture (PGCHRM)**, **11 students of Agribusiness Management Programme (PGP-ABM)** and **40 students of the 8th batch of the Post Graduate Programme for certificate in Entrepreneurship Management (PGP-CEM)** received their graduating certificates and medals.

Like every year, top ranking students of the VIL Programme were awarded XLRI Medals for Academic Excellence on the occasion. **Pankaj Santosh Kumar Gupta** and **Pooja Karwa** of PGCBM batches and **Shikha Verma, Nitin Anant Sansare** and **Anindita Chandra** of PGCHRM batches received the medals *sponsored by Unified Collaboration Services (UCS)*.

Yukti Joneja of EDHRM, **Bijesh Kumar** of PGP-ABM and **K Arun Kumar** of PGP-CEM received Gold Medals at the event for securing the highest CQPI.

Congratulating the outgoing students, **Dr. Ram Kumar Kakani, Associate Dean, VIL Programs, XLRI** encouraged them to *keep learning throughout their careers while following the Jesuit spirit of 'Magis' - for the greater good.*



He also shared updates on new developments in the VIL department of XLRI like introduction of several new short and long duration VIL management programs and opening of new virtual lecture studios on campus.

He further added, *“XLRI VIL Programs was launched in 2002 with the primary objective of offering management education to working executives without disrupting their job schedule. Since then more than 6,700 students have graduated from various VIL PGC programs and become XLRI-VIL alumni. Presently, there are 170 study centers across the country and 542 students are pursuing Postgraduate Certificate courses in the following areas: Business Management, Human Resource Management, Business Analytics for Management Decisions, and Senior Leadership. Students from each of the four graduating batches have between 9 to 10 years of work experience on average. Among the students graduating from VIL PGC programs this year, women comprised of 20% of the PGCBM batch strength and 50% of the PGCHRM batch strength. More than half of the students attended classes from study centers in Bangalore, Mumbai or National Capital Region (NCR). However, in recent years the participation from non-metro cities such as Ahmedabad, Jamshedpur and Visakhapatnam has increased significantly.”*

Addressing the graduating students, **Dr. Vishwa Ballabh, Chairperson, Entrepreneurship Development Centre (EDC) – XLRI** advised them to maintain discipline and integrity in their personal, professional and social life to achieve success in the life.

Fr. E Abraham S.J., Director of XLRI congratulated the graduating students and wished them success in their endeavours. He specially mentioned the achievements of the students of the different Executive Diploma Programmes.

Giving details of the accomplishments by the different Executive Programmes of XLRI, Fr. Abraham said, *“Since its inception, over 6,500 students have graduated from the various post-graduate certificate courses conducted under the aegis of VIL. We offered 17 eMDPs with over 2,700 participants including some from far away regions such as the USA and the Middle East. Web portal ‘Virtual Placement Notice Board’ (VPNB) was further enhanced. It facilitated discussion between corporates and students. About 60 companies are registered & over 120 job postings have been floated via this portal.”*

He also congratulated the faculty for their contribution in research and scholarly activities. He commented, *“I am very happy that our research and publications continue to be acknowledged worldwide. I thank Dr. Pitabas Mohanty, Associate Dean, Research and publications for taking us to greater heights in research.”*

About XLRI:

XLRI-Xavier School of Management, Jamshedpur is a premier, private management institute in India founded in 1949 by Fr Quinn Enright, S.J. in the ‘steel city’ of Jamshedpur (www.xlri.ac.in).



Over the last six decades, the institute has grown into a top-ranking business management school of international repute with a wide portfolio of management programs and research publications. Its alumni are spread around the globe and have demonstrated responsible business leadership in their organizations. XLRI continually strives to contribute its mite to the professional growth and management of numerous organizations and institutions across industry sectors. XLRI has been awarded two prestigious International Accreditations, viz., AACSB - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and AMBA - Association of MBAs. XLRI has also earned the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) accreditation.