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## **XLRI Celebrated 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Convocation**

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30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 – **XLRI - Xavier School of Management**, one of India’s premier B-School celebrated its **61st Annual Convocation** on 25th March, 2017.

On this significant day, **606** XLRI students received their graduating certificates and medals including - **358** students of 2015-17 batch of Two-year Postgraduate Diploma in Management – HRM and BM; **117** students of 2015-16 batch of Postgraduate Diploma in General Management (GM) – 15 -Months Programme; **56** students of 2014–17 batch of Three-Year Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management (Evening); **17** students of 2014 – 2017 batch of Three-Year Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management (Dubai); **30** students of 2013 –16 batch of Three-Year Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management (Dubai) and **11** students of Fellow Program in Management (FPM) from Jamshedpur Campus.

**18** Indian students of the third batch (2015- 17) of the Two-year Postgraduate in Global Business Management by XLRI in partnership with Weatherhead School of Management, USA and School of Economics & Management of Tongji University Shanghai, China received their graduating certificates. Besides certificate and medal from their home school - XLRI they were also awarded a joint certification from the 3-schools’ consortium on the occasion.

**Mr. Adi Godrej, Chairman, The Godrej Group** was conferred with the prestigious “**Sir Jehangir Ghandy Medal for Industrial and Social Peace**” on the occasion.

Mr. Adi Godrej also delivered the convocation address to the graduating students at the convocation this year. *Past Convocation speakers include eminent luminaries like A P J Abdul Kalam, V V Giri, P Chidambaram, Sir Jehangir Ghandy among others.*

In his Convocation Speech, Mr. Godrej expressed his confidence in today’s youth and their capabilities to transform our country’s economy, “*The millions of educated youth who make valuable contributions to the economy are digitally savvy, internationally connected and inclusively conscious of the environment and society. These youngsters are entering politics, industry, business have fresh ideas and bold opinions. I see the youth of this country making a difference every day and in every sphere. They are very passionate and dedicated. It gives me the optimism and confidence that they will transform the country.*” He said that his confidence of bright future of India came from his belief in the country’s demography, democracy and reform and growth-oriented mindset.

In his address he praised the current economic reforms and expressed confidence that the country would overtake US economy between 2030- 40 and China by 2050 in purchasing power parity

(PPP) terms to emerge as the economic super power of the world. He said, *“I believe that you all must re-assess your role that we’ll play in putting our country to achieve its true potential of becoming an economic superpower. We should play our part in India’s growth story and have the opportunity to drive a new wave of growth in the country.”*

Addressing the graduating students, Mr. Godrej said, *“On your graduation, many of you may start working at large organizations, some of you may choose to study further while a few of you may even take the leap into becoming entrepreneurs. Whatever the chosen path, there has never been a better time for each of you to contribute to build India’s future. You are a select lot. You will have the opportunities to make valuable contributions to industry, business, politics, economic and social development and international vision of our country. The opportunities you choose to leverage will impact your individual growth and success as well as that of our nation.”*

Congratulating the students on their graduation day, **Mr. T. V. Narendran**, Chairman, Board of Governors at XLRI said, *“You will be facing a lot of challenges and will be making a lot of decisions which will impact the lives of many of your colleagues and fellow citizens. It is important to exercise your discernment and do the right things at all times.”*

In his address **Mr. Narendran** further said, *“Helping educate and shape the next generation of scholars and business leaders is a significant task. For over six decades XLRI has steadfastly held on to its mission of proffering world-class education across various management-centric programs. There has never been a more exciting time to pursue management education. Exposing management students to innovate practices and new rising sectors of growth also calls for skilling today’s students with ideas and skill-sets to help shape the world around them. XLRI diligently strives to create a value-based and ethics driven teaching and learning environment whilst underscoring the need for all- round development. This emphasis on inculcating certain core- values is what sets XLRI apart from other B-schools in the country.”*

**Fr. E Abraham S.J., Director, XLRI** congratulated the graduating students and advised them, *“As you move on to the next phase of your work-life journey, endeavor to live up to the values that XLRI has striven to inculcate in all of you - to be leaders who contribute their mite to your respective organizations and also to have a sensitive social conscience.”*

**Fr. Abraham** also congratulated the faculty and staff for assisting the students on their developmental journey and making XLRI a place of excellence and integrity. *“If XLRI had a successful year in 2016-17, it is the result of our teamwork and our determination to take the institute forward and make it globally competitive and a force to reckon with in the years to come,”* he said.

#### **About Sir Jehangir Ghandy Medal:**

Sir Jehangir Ghandy Medal for Industrial and Social Peace, instituted by XLRI in 1966, in honour of the Late Sir Jehangir Ghandy, Kt. C.I.E., the first Chairman of the Board of Governors of XLRI and



Director-Tata Steel is awarded to Heroic Leaders who have contributed towards the growth of their respective organizations and also impacted the growth of our nation in a significant way. The medal was instituted by XLRI in gratitude for Sir Jehangir Ghandy's yeoman contribution to XLRI and the society at large. One of the oldest medals instituted by a higher education institution, the medal is awarded during XLRI's Annual Convocation Ceremony to recognize outstanding contributions in the field of industrial and social peace in the country. In the past years, the medal was conferred on eminent leaders like Mr. JRD Tata IN 1975, Mr.Verghese Kurien in 1992, Mr.Jyoti Basu in 1997, Azim Premji in 2005, Ratan N Tata in 2009 and Mr. N R Narayana Murthy, Chairman Emeritus and Chief Mentor, Infosys Technologies Ltd. in 2012.

**About XLRI:**

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## XLRI Hosted Entrepreneurship Conference

### ‘The Startup Conclave East 2017’

10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017: **XLRI – Xavier School of Management** recently hosted entrepreneurship conference **the 1<sup>st</sup>-ever ‘Startup Conclave East 2017’**. The conference was organized by the Entrepreneurship Cell (E-cell) of XLRI in collaboration with Entrepreneur Café on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

The conference aimed to provide opportunity local start-ups to interact with industry experts and gain insights over how to better their business and also to provide insights about current start-up policies.

The inaugural session was graced by eminent industry leaders and dignitaries including **Mr. T. V. Narendran** (Chairman, Board of Governors at XLRI & MD - Tata Steel India and South East Asia), **Mr. A.B. Lall** (Chairman, CII Jharkhand State Council and Plant Head, Tata Motors), **Mr. Sunil K Barnwal** (IAS, Secretary to the CM of Jharkhand and Industries, Mines, Geology and IT, Government of Jharkhand) among others. In their addresses, Mr. A B Lall, *stressed on inclusive growth oriented business models* while Mr. TV Narendran *talked about how apt the time is for entrepreneurship, backed by political pace and will*. In his speech, Mr. Sunil Kumar Burnwal, *focused on creating startup ecosystem where anyone with an idea should feel encouraged to start his own venture and become job creator instead of job seeker*. He said, *“It is our responsibility to change mindset of people coming from rural background and inculcate startup culture in their mindset from childhood.”* He also discussed about the *Jharkhand Innovation Lab initiative of setting incubation centers in cities like Jamshedpur and Dhanbad*.

The Chief Guest of the conference was **Shri Saryu Rai, Hon’ble Minister, Parliamentary Affairs, Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs, Government of Jharkhand**. In his speech, *he stressed upon the focus to solve problems related to Production and manufacturing by creating and maintaining startup hubs through Startup conclaves like these*.

Addressing the next session held at XLRI campus, **Fr. Oswald Mascarenhas, S.J.** (JRD Tata Chair Professor of Business Ethics at XLRI) *stressed upon the importance of Startups, and how India will be home to over 12000 startups by 2020*. He also discussed about *the need for large corporations to reinvent the wheel, lest they face an existential crisis*.

**Mr Manish Harodia**, *alumnus of IIM-K and founder of Dream Wallets*, spoke on his unique take on investing and raising money for start-up ventures. He stressed on the need to invest in one's own idea and had wise words for the budding entrepreneurs.

The Day 2 events commenced with keynote speech by **Mr. Umesh Shah** (Director, IT Department, Government of Jharkhand). In the address, he *threw light on the world of opportunities and support extended by the government of Jharkhand for entrepreneurial ventures, and reiterated how Jharkhand is going to evolve exponentially with the onset of ‘Momentum Jharkhand’*. **Mr. Aditya**

**Sharma** (Representative of Startup India Hub) familiarized the audience with various policies that are offered by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, including helpline number 1800115565 which, along with email and social media channels has resolved over 34,889 queries since April 1, 2016.

The second day of the conference held various interactive events such as shark tank pitches that were participated by local Jamshedpur startups like Pitstop Service, and online bike solutions service, TEchnobright, a technical education providing interface and Blue Elixir water harvesting systems among many others.

Interactive session on Design Thinking was coordinated by **Prof. PK Dan** (Chairman E-cell IIT Kharagpur). **Mr. Nav Kishley** (Trainer, Smile Foundation) brought various legal aspects to the fore and introduced many frameworks for the use of budding entrepreneurs. **Mr. Baldev Singh Rawat** held session on Bootstrapping as the best strategy, while sessions on Analytics by expert **Dr. R. Simbasivam** (Head analytics, Tata Steel) and Innovation and IOT by **Dr. Arvind Choubey** (Professor, NIT Jamshedpur) were also held.

The conference concluded with the session by **Mr. Sarajit Jha of Tata group**, who talked about trending technologies and gave important insights on 'when to stop investing' to startup enthusiasts.

#### **About E-Cell, XLRI:**

The Entrepreneurship Cell (ECell), of XLRI is a student run body formed with a view to promoting entrepreneurship among the students. An effort to foster and improve entrepreneurship and related activities, the Entrepreneurship Cell at XLRI, holds myriads of events, workshops and summits throughout the year.

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Speaking about this momentous occasion **Fr. E Abraham S.J., Director, XLRI** said, “Convocation is considered the most significant event in the academic year for every student, faculty, and staff as it is the culmination of all the efforts put in by an individual during their time at the campus. This year is an important milestone for us at XLRI as we celebrate the 61<sup>st</sup> Convocation of our institution”.

**Mr. T. V. Narendran, Chairman, Board of Governors at XLRI & MD - Tata Steel India and South East Asia** said, “For over six decades XLRI has steadfastly held on to its mission of proffering world-class education across various management-centric programs. XLRI diligently strives to create a value-based and ethics driven teaching and learning environment whilst underscoring the need for all- round development. This emphasis on inculcating certain core- values is what sets XLRI apart from other B-schools in the country.”

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**Father Abraham, Director, XLRI** further added, “We are immensely happy to present this year’s ‘Sir Jehangir Ghandy Medal for Social and Industrial Peace’ to Mr. Adi Godrej, Chairman of The Godrej Group.”

Mr. Adi Godrej has been president of several Indian trade and industrial bodies and educational institutions. He is Chairman of the Board of the Indian School of Business, and past President of the Confederation of Indian Industry. He has been a member of the Dean's Advisory Council of the MIT Sloan School of Management, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Narsee Monjee Institute of Management



Studies, and a member of the Wharton Asian Executive Board. Mr. Godrej is also a patron of the Himalayan Club.

He is the recipient of several awards and recognitions, including the Rajiv Gandhi Award 2002, the American India Foundation (AIF) Leadership in Philanthropy Award 2010, the Entrepreneur of the Year at the Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Awards 2010, the Best Businessman of the Year for the GQ Men of the Year Awards 2010, Chemexcil's Lifetime Achievement Award 2010, the AIMA – JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award 2010, the Bombay Management Association – Management Man of the Year Award 2010-2011, the Qimpro Platinum Standard Award for Business in 2011, the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2012, the Padma Bhushan 2012, the Asian Awards Entrepreneur of the Year 2013, the All India Management Association - Business Leader of the Year 2015 and the Golden Peacock Lifetime Achievement Award for Ethical Leadership 2016.

Mr. Godrej holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the Sloan School of Management at MIT.

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