

IIM-V toppers share happy moments



They say their two-year stay in city is memorable

Toppers from the first batch of Indian Institute of Management-Visakhapatnam who received gold medals from Board of Governors' Chairman and Jubilant Bhartia Group founder Hari S. Bhartia said their two-year stint in the city was quite memorable and the guidance they received from IIM-Bangalore had made a difference in their life.

"I am missing IIM-V and Visakhapatnam-the most beautiful city I have seen in my life during the past two months since I passed out and got a job in an ad-tech company in Mumbai," remarked Abhishek Goel, the topper among 47 students who passed out from IIM-V and awarded the degrees at the first convocation held here on Friday.

IIM-Bangalore is the mentor for IIM-V since the foundation stone for the premier management institute was laid at Gambheeram on the city outskirts by then Union HRD Minister Smriti Irani in 2015. The campus will come up in an area of nearly 230 acres. IIM-V is now functioning on the campus of Andhra University.

Mr. Goel worked in Samsung for four years and decided to gamble by taking a break and study at IIM-V after cracking CAT-2015. "Though it was a big gamble, I found the infrastructure available here very amazing and the interface with IIM-Bangalore faculty very inspiring," he said after the convocation.

A learning experience

"It was a really lifetime learning experience. The case studies we did almost on daily basis further gave us scope to showcase our analytical skills," he told The Hindu. "In our jobs we are confined to a 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. schedule. But at IIM, the real life starts after 6 p.m. with case studies and assignments," he remarked.

V. Ganapati Subrahmanian, who quit job in IT after putting up two and a half years experience, to study at IIM-V said two-year stint in Visakhapatnam was a turning point in his life. He now works in a top position in an IT firm in Mumbai.

Predicting a bright future for IIM-V, he said the institute was shaping up. Mr. Subrahmanian said IIM-V would shape up as one of the topmost IIMs in the country. "The site allotted for IIM-V amid greenery, lake and hillocks will mesmerise any visitor once the campus is ready," he said.

IIM-Bangalore Director G. Raghuram said their faculty had worked with great passion to take care of students of IIM-V and make them new generation managers on par with other top IIMs.

Post-Graduate Programme, IIM-V Ganesh N. Prabhu said 41 of 47 students who passed out had already been recruited.

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