

## **IIT Kharagpur Business School rated 7<sup>th</sup> in India by Ministry of HRD**

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The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) recently released their 2017 rankings of Indian higher education institutions and IIT Kharagpur's VGSoM (Vinod Gupta School of Management) was selected as the 7<sup>th</sup> best Management program in India. The rankings were formulated by looking at an institution's "Teaching, Learning, and Resources", "Research and Professional Practices", "Graduation Outcomes", "Outreach and Inclusivity", and "Perception".

VGSoM was set up as the first school of management within the IIT system in 1993 during the period that India had just opened its doors to economic liberalization. The school was established with an aim to develop managers with a strong technological background who would lead tomorrow's corporations to success. The School of Management was founded by distinguished alum and life time fellow, Vinod Gupta (B. Tech., 1967), the former CEO and Chairman of InfoGROUP (previously known as InfoUSA). Mr. Gupta made a generous endowment of 2 million dollars to start the school, which was then matched by the Government of India. The foundation of the School building was laid in 1994 by the then president of India, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma. The School moved to its current location in 1996.

Now, two decades after its inception, the school has grown holistically, winning several accolades and setting up new benchmarks for excellence. VGSoM plays a pioneering role in nurturing the leaders of tomorrow by blending management philosophy along with technological advancement to develop managers who appreciate both the critical technological issues and managerial implications of them. World renowned for its technological prowess, IIT Kharagpur helps VGSoM leverage its strength in terms of infrastructure, intellectual resources, illustrious alumni, and its "will to be the best" business management school in India.

According to Vinod Gupta, credit goes to Professor KL Chopra, Mr. AD Sharma, current IITKGP Director PP Chakrabarti, and current VGSoM Dean Prabina Rajib for taking the business school to such heights!

Best wishes for continued growth and congratulations to the faculty and students of VGSoM on this amazing achievement!

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