

PRESS NOTE

Sub: Directors of PGDM Institution to meet in New Delhi to call for level playing field

Chairmen, Presidents, Directors, Deans and Decision-makers of leading PGDM institutions are meeting in New Delhi on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the PHD Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi. This meeting has been called by the Education Promotion Society for India (EPSI) in view of the passing of the IIM Bill, 2017 by the Union Cabinet and also the possibility of its passing by the Parliament in the current budget session.

PGDM institutions have serious apprehensions about adverse impact of the IIM institutions becoming degree granting institutions. They are of the view that level playing field between IIMs and PGDM institutions existing for the last 60 years will be seriously disturbed if 500 + PGDM institutions continue to grant Post-Graduate Diploma in Management.

In the sixties, after formation of IIM Ahmedabad and Calcutta, it was thought that since the two IIMs will not be able to fulfill the manpower needs of the Indian industries, private PGDM institutions like XLRI, MDI, SPJIMR, IMI, IMT, TAPMI, Somaiya, IFMR, GIM, IRMA, BIMTECH etc were recognized and allowed by the MHRD to be run under the aegis of the AICTE as autonomous business schools. During the last 60 years, several lakhs management graduates have passed out from these institutions and joined industry inside the country as well as and abroad. Many of them are leading hundreds of corporates as CEOs, CFOs and CXOs.

It is imperative that the MHRD should immediately take up the issue of future legal entity of these private PGDM institutions since henceforth the recruiters and foreign universities will have doubts about the legal status of a 'Post-Graduate Diploma in Management' post passing of the IIM Bill, 2017 by the parliament in the Budget Session.

In 2010, the AICTE, tried to curtail the autonomy of the 500+ PGDM institutions but the Supreme Court did not allow that to happen by issuing interim orders during the last six years.

Now these PGDM institutions are providing 75,000 management graduates every year to the industry, which is ten times of the number graduates produced by the 20 IIMs. Effective implementation of Make-in-India, Digital India, Start-up-India, JAM Trinity and so many ambitious national schemes launched by the Union Government will require a huge number of managerial talents which cannot be met only by IIMs alone. To maintain the existing talent pipeline of producing 75,000 managers every year, it will be necessary to help 500+ PGDM institutions to grow and blossom with their autonomy and legal status.

We expect that the MHRD and the Neeti Ayog will find out a way out to save the autonomy and legal identity of PGDM institutions in the larger interests of our country.

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