



# **INAUGURATION CEREMONY (MBA-HRM)**

**SESSION: 2025-2027**

**July 10, 2025**

**VENUE: ASSEMBLY HALL, IISWBM**





**Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (IISWBM), Kolkata, the First Management Institute of the Country, recently held the inaugural programme for its MBA-HRM Batch of 2025-2027 on July 10, 2025, in the Assembly Hall. This event marked the beginning of a new academic chapter for the 24th batch of the MBA-HRM program. MBA-HRM programme is ranked Among Top 10 Best post graduate programmes in HRM in India. Google search highlights the institution as one of the top HRM colleges globally. Even the programme has received Global Recognition for excellence in Academic curriculum when the programme curriculum was accredited in 2012 by SHRM USA, the highest professional body in HR globally, headquartered in Virginia, USA.**





The ceremony commenced with the traditional felicitation of dignitaries and a Lamp Lighting Ceremony, symbolizing the auspicious start of the academic journey. Prof. (Dr.) K. M. Agarwal, Director, IISWBM, delivered the Welcome Address, encouraging the new students to cultivate a winning attitude from day one. He emphasized that their efforts over the next two years would not only benefit them personally but also contribute to the institution and their future organizations.







Following this, Prof. (Dr.) Sarbani Mitra, HOD, Department of MBA-HRM, IISWBM, provided a comprehensive overview of the MBA-HRM program, tracing its history and evolution. She stressed the importance for students to develop both business acumen and a strong sense of social responsibility, traits that are central to the legacy of IISWBM alumni.



The event then featured inspiring addresses from distinguished guests. Shri Varun Gujadhur, Regional Head HR DVP, HDFC Bank, and an alumnus of IISWBM, shared his journey and encouraged students to embrace curiosity,



smile more, and stress less. He candidly spoke about facing seven rejections before achieving success, underscoring the value of persistence.



Another proud alumnus, Shri Joydeep Ghosh, AVP HR, Indigo, highlighted the continuous nature of learning and the significance of patience, particularly in people management. He reminded the students that life is a marathon requiring consistent effort, not a sprint with shortcuts.



The Inaugural Address was delivered by the Chief Guest, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sahu, GM HR, SAIL, who travelled from Rourkela for the occasion. Dr. Sahu shared personal anecdotes from his professional life, emphasizing the crucial role of people and ethical values in HR, and reminded everyone that in an increasingly automated world, the human touch remains paramount. His profound message was, "Everything is easy if you give it your best".

The inaugural session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Shri Buddhadi Mukherjee, Faculty Member, MBA-HRM, IISWBM, who expressed gratitude to all attendees and encouraged the students for their journey ahead, highlighting gratitude as a great teacher. The entire event was expertly moderated by Ms. Koushiki, an MBA-HRM student from the 2024-26 batch.



The entire programme was a thoughtful blend of tradition and forward-thinking ideas, leaving the new MBA-HRM cohort inspired and ready to begin their transformative journey at IISWBM.





**The Inauguration programme will be followed by Induction programme to be held at the Institute premises from July 14 to 18, 2025, where students will be getting opportunity to interact with corporate giants viz., Head, HRBP and Centre of Excellence, Himadri Speciality Chemical Ltd; HR Director, Swiggy; Unit HR Head, ITC; AVP HR, Bandhan Bank; Talent and Learning Strategist, MJunction Services Ltd; Managing Director-Human Resources, PwC; Manufacturing HR Head and COE IR, Adani Wilmar Ltd; Manager - HR Business Partner, Global Growth Markets, Cognizant; etc. Among these corporate titans, some are Institute alumnus, who will share their inspiring journeys of how their alma mater shaped their careers, highlighting the support, guidance, and skills they gained during their academic years.**