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IIM batch inauguration

Praveen Krishnan, vice-president, corporate strategy, Ramco Group, has underlined the value of applying the knowledge gained in classrooms at

the workplace.

Mr. Krishnan was delivering his keynote address at the inauguration of the third batch of Post Graduate Certificate in Strategic Management by Indian Institute of Management - Tiruchi (IIM-T) recently.

In his address, Nagendra Chowdary, head, academic content, TimesPro, explained how strategy was not just a function but also a way of thinking that could be cultivated.

Programme directors K.S. Manikandan and K.V. Mukundhan spoke.



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Centre takes control of IIMs, President to pick their directors

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THE Centre appears to have taken control of the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) as it notified new norms for the appointment of the board of governors and directors in these prestigious, autonomous institutes.

The new norms make the President of India the Visitor of each IIM, giving the government the final say in the appointment of the chairperson of the board and the director.

The government also changed the eligibility criteria for IIM directors. Under the

new norms, applicants should have first class degrees in both Bachelor's and Master's, along with a PhD or an equivalent qualification from a reputed institute.

Earlier, the criteria used to be a "distinguished academic with PhD or equivalent." There was also no mention of the required division for the degrees earlier. It may be recalled that the appointment Dheeraj Sharma as IIM-Rohtak director was mired in controversy, as he had a second division in his Bachelor's.

Immense powers for govt to dissolve IIM boards

The newly notified norms give the Centre, through the President, the powers to dissolve an IIM board if the Visitor finds the board is unable to discharge its functions, is not complying with any direction given by the Visitor, or its dissolution is in public interest



The President will now have the powers to appoint and remove directors and dissolve the boards, if need be.

"Provided that where the Visitor is not satisfied with the names recommended by the Board, he or she may ask the Board to make fresh recommendations. If the Visitor is

not satisfied with the panel of names recommended by the Board, the Board shall get a fresh panel of three names recommended through the same search-cum-selection committee or a fresh search-cum-selection committee," the notification issued by the Centre read.

Earlier, the board was solely responsible for the appoint-

ment of the director. Also, there was no such clause for the dissolution of the board earlier.

The President is the Visitor of all the central universities and IITs and appoints their vice-chancellors and directors.

The concept of a Visitor in IIMs first found a mention in the draft of the present Act released by the government in 2015. However, the IIMs had resisted the move, saying it would put a question mark on their autonomous powers.

The new norms give the Centre significant powers to appoint / dissolve IIM boards.



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