

Indranil Paul

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Gold Medallist – 1st Rank Holder



To Indranil, joining IIM Bangalore is an achievement in itself. "I wanted the scholarship very badly – and I really worked hard to achieve that. With God's grace and my father's blessings, I was able to stand first in Term-1 and Term-2, and I got the Director's Merit scholarship. I also tried to balance between placement preparation and academics. I will cherish and treasure the friendships I have made in the last one year."

His biggest learning from the MBA program is to be able to manage multiple tasks at a time and to prioritize his objectives. "The EPGP brought a balanced blend of learning in different subjects such as Finance, Marketing, Organizational Behavior, Strategy, Operations, Analytics, etc. from a few of the most revered professors of our country – a great opportunity for a student to get expertise in different domains in a short span of time. The EPGP also taught me how an individual's success depends on forming and working with a good team – the group assignments and case discussions not only helped me academically, but also taught me to understand and respect others' perspectives."

Regarding his future plans and dreams, the 32-year-old says: "My plan was to shift my domain and function. Although I was from a core manufacturing field (working in R&D for nine years), I was able to secure an opportunity in an emerging tech company, which deals in futuristic technology (AI/ML), and that too in a customer-oriented function — only an MBA programme from IIMB could provide me this opportunity. My short term goal is to see myself in a senior management role and be at the forefront of strategic decision making. In the long term, I aspire to become a prominent industry leader, who will be able to create meaningful impact in India's growth story through my knowledge, passion, hard work and wisdom."

Indranil says his parents' sacrifices always motivated him to aspire high. Later on, his wife became another inspiration for him to dream big. "In fact her motivation and support egged me on to pursue an MBA, after a long corporate stint," he says. And finally, his two-year-old daughter, who he says has brought him luck, helped him achieve that dream.