

## Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM): Two-year programme for working professionals

**Naveen Rathani**

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**Gold Medallist – First Rank Holder and Best All Round Performer**



Thirty-five year-old Naveen Rathani's achievements during his course at IIMB include winning seven case competitions across IIM Bangalore, IIM Indore, IIM Amritsar, IIM Bodh Gaya and Symbiosis Bangalore. He was also the national finalist for case competitions at IIM Lucknow and IIM Calcutta. He co-led and managed three workshops during Drishti 2023 and seven during Drishti Silver Jubilee, in coordination with the PGPEM office, faculty and alumni. Moreover, he was the recipient of the '40-under-40 Data Scientist' by *Analytics India Magazine* and of the '40-under-40 AI Innovators' by Analytics Insights Group. His other achievements include being a member of the Student Affairs Council (SAC) for two years as Junior and Senior Academic Coordinator. He was the Industry Speaker at World H2O.AI Day and the Open Data Science Conference. He was also the recipient of the Director's Merit Scholarship for securing the second rank at the end of PGPEM Year 1. Naveen was a member of the PGPEM football team throughout the two years of the course and took part in student fests like Pehel 2023 and Pehel 2024.

Terming his learning experience at IIMB as “enriching and transformative”, he said that the programme provided an invaluable opportunity to engage with a diverse and driven group of professionals of other programmes. “The interaction with peers across these cohorts, combined with the insights from IIM Bangalore’s distinguished faculty, have broadened my perspective and deepened my understanding of business dynamics. I had the privilege of conducting various initiatives, participating in events and winning multiple competitions, which boosted my leadership experience and provided practical application of management concepts. The green campus offered the ideal atmosphere for focused study and personal growth. Overall, the programme significantly enhanced my functional expertise, equipping me with a more comprehensive understanding of business realities.”

He says in the future he plans to apply the knowledge and insights he has gained to head data-driven business functions, particularly at the intersection of technology and AI, within large enterprises. “In addition, my eagerness for giving back has evolved from an earlier practice of volunteering with non-profits to a vision of establishing and running a digital education-focused non-profit. This initiative would aim to support children in their

vernacular, helping bridge the gap in access to quality, affordable digital education and empowering the next generation.”

Originally from Rajasthan, Naveen Rathani and his family comprising his mother, wife and child are settled in Bangalore currently. His father was a banking professional who later turned businessman, his mother is a retired insurance professional, and wife a senior software engineer and cloud security expert. He also has a sister, who is a chartered accountant by profession, and is currently a transformation leader and financial performance expert.