



## Sukanya P

### Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM) 2017-2019

#### Gold Medallist – 1<sup>st</sup> Rank Holder



Sukanya secured the Director's Merit List Award in her first year at IIMB. During the 7<sup>th</sup> term, she pursued the International Student Program at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, which is designed exclusively for international participants. This program offers major insights into European business models, leadership styles and includes visits to leading international organizations such as the UN, CERN, etc.

Sukanya organized a panel discussion on 'Dealing with Technological Disruption' for Drishti, the PGPEM flagship event, in 2019, with featured eminent speakers from various sectors like Government, healthcare and industry. She arranged a guest lecture on 'Visual Strategizing', by Prof. Martin Eppler, Chair of Communications Management, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, for PGPEM and FPM students at IIMB.

Almost 18 years after her graduation, the PGPEM at IIMB gave Sukanya the opportunity, as a working professional, to pursue her studies while continuing to manage her other engagements seamlessly.



Regarding her IIMB experience, she says: “This programme was a complete package that not only offered formal training to build competency, an environment to nurture skills, an ecosystem to mould innate talent, but also instilled the rigour and discipline to prepare me for leadership roles. Two years in IIMB have exponentially amplified my knowledge, broadened my horizons, allowed me to discover new things, and unleashed my untapped potential. Despite the fact that I had no background in the field of economics or finance, I ended up specializing in many finance courses, thanks to the encouragement and motivation from the faculty. The classroom sessions and face-to-face interactions with the faculty not only strengthened the core concepts but also provided multiple perspectives on every issue. The combined class experience in diverse fields enriched my learning. This was further supplemented by the collaborations with my classmates inside and outside the campus. The program promotes experiential learning.”

Sukanya wants to make a difference in the current reach of the education system, and make premier education more accessible to every child in the country irrespective of his or her social/economic/geographical background. “Having personally confronted these challenges and stereotypes, it is my long-cherished dream to create awareness on various career opportunities for children from modest rural backgrounds.”

Forty-one year old Sukanya hails from a small town in Tamil Nadu. Her father is a retired banker and mother is a retired school headmistress. Her husband ,Mr Chandrasekharan, is a radar scientist in Defence R&D. Married for 19 years, she says she owes her success to her husband and her two children – Shankaranarayanan (14) and Gayatri (6).