

**Kiran Ramchandra Shirgaonkar**  
**Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM) 2014-16**  
**Gold Medal for Best All Round Performance**



Kiran has a B.E. degree from the University of Mumbai, and professional experience in Infosys and IBM India. The Gold Medallist for Best All Round Performance in PGPEM 2014-16 started his career in 2004 as a software developer with Infosys, where he was engaged in various technical and client engagement roles in software services projects for clients such as American Express, Charles Schwab Co. and Cooperative Financial Services. While working on a services project, he developed a software solution for a business problem and went on to patent this invention, for which he won the Infosys Award for Innovation in 2010 for generating IP. He also took the initiative of helping a member of the canteen staff at Infosys pursue higher education and was presented the Infosys Excellence Award 2006 – Value Champion category.

At IBM India, Kiran specialized in pre-sales work of connectivity and integration, mobile development platform and application infrastructure products, and contributed to several big wins for IBM during his tenure in the WebSphere pre-sales team. He then moved into IBM India Software Labs and joined the IIB development team, where his focus area is performance and reliability of the product and its release effectiveness.

His growing up years – his father was in the Defence forces and Kiran schooled at the Kendriya Vidhyalaya schools – exposed him to diversity. Apart from academics, his interest lies in sports and he has participated in swimming, yachting, football, volleyball and basketball at various competitive levels. In his first year at IIMB, he participated in sports fests like Sangram and Sangharsh as part of the school's basketball team. He was part of the team which was runners-up at Sangharsh 2015 organized at IIM Lucknow. In the second year, he participated in Sangram and Sangharsh, as part of the volleyball team, and won a gold medal at Sangram organized at IIM Kozhikode. In his second year, he was elected President of the Student Affairs Council of PGPEM.

About the PGPEM at IIMB, he says: "The Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management is an ideal programme for mid-level professionals to acquire and refine management skills without taking a break from their careers. The programme has given me the opportunity to learn new skills, and has challenged some of my beliefs, which in turn has helped me shape myself to be prepared for the business world. I feel well equipped and confident."