

Dharmasthala institute receives EPAS accreditation

MYSURU: In recognition of the quality of management education and internationalisation offered by the Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Mysuru, the Global Accreditation Body EFMD has awarded the prestigious EPAS International Accreditation to the institution's flagship programme — Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM). SDM-IMD is the first Indian B-school to receive the accreditation.

SDM-IMD had attempted to seek the EPAS accreditation which was accepted in February 2014. To help the institution achieve the eligibility, EFMD had laid down several standards, procedures and suggested that the institute work on internationalisation, cooperate linkages and research. A team of faculty and staff at SDM-IMD, with support and guidance from chairman D Veerendra Heggade and SDME Trust secretary S Prabhakar submitted a self-study report in July 2016.

In October 2016, a peer review team consisting of four eminent academics from different parts of the world visited the institute for an overview of the activities and records. At a board meeting of EFMD in February this year, SDM-IMD was formally approved. In the EFMD annual conference held at Berlin, the director general of EFMD handed over the formal EPAS accreditation certificate to vice-president D Surendra Kumar and director of SDM-IMD N R Parasuraman.

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