

# Execs quit top jobs for IIM-C course

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**Kolkata:** Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta (IIM-C) now boasts of a unique batch. About 54 professionals have quit high profile jobs and joined the PGPEX programme at IIM-C.

Of the 54, at least 16 were working abroad for more than six years before they decided to give up their jobs and come here. Most positions were in US and some in UK, in companies like Infosys, TCS, Ernst & Young, Tractor Supply Company, British Petroleum etc. The remaining, who have come from domestic companies, were also working in senior positions for an average of 15 years.

Subhashis Ganguly, with a decade-long work experience divided between US — Texas, Dallas and Florida — and Southampton in UK, said, "After working for a little over 10 years, I realized that I just didn't want to end up doing operational jobs, I also wanted to be part of corporate strategy making. So I quit my job to join the PGPEX programme. I hope that my MBA experience will help me do that."

Subhashis is a computer science engineer from Jadavpur University, who did his schooling from St Xavier's Collegiate School. He was posted by TCS in its US offices straight from the campus.

The case is similar with Raghavendra Satwick, who worked with the Tractor Supply Company in Nashville, before coming here. "I was even offered the green card, but I wanted to come back to India since my family is in Mumbai. I have decided to join the PGPEX programme because it will help me upgrade my understanding of critical business issues," Satwick said.

Among the others who have quit foreign jobs are, Atul Agarwal, Pramod Hooda and Saikat Lahiri. Lahiri was posted for nearly seven years at Ernst & Young.

Amit Jakhar, a marine engineer with British Petroleum, is here because he felt that his career reached a point where it needed a big leap.

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## A CLASS APART

These executives joined IIM-C's PGPEX programme, which is in its ninth year



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**Saikat Lahiri** Worked for nearly seven years at Ernst & Young

**Amit Monga** Was the engineering technical head at GE Bangalore, had a 13-year work experience

**Sharad Kamble** Virologist, held a senior medico-scientist's position at Hindusthan Lever

**Ankur Chugh** Has a masters from Hult Business School in London

Bangalore, backed by a 13-year-experience. He has three patents against his name. "But I thought that the time had come to supplement my engineering skills with managerial ones," Monga said.

The faculty at IIMC feels that virologist Sharad Kamble, who held a senior medico-scientist's position at Hindusthan Lever, will be an interesting addition to the class. The institution is hopeful about Ankur Chugh as well. Chugh already has a masters from Hult Business School in London and has come to improve his training at IIMC.

"I am interested in working with solar energy and have already started my own venture. I will need the MBA training to run my business successfully," he said.

What is an improvement is that this batch has six women instead of the three last year. The institute is happy that the required gender diversity is gradually coming in.