

IIM-C confers prestigious award on its four alumni

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Kolkata: Chief economic adviser of India K V Subramanian, chief executive officer of Tata Trusts Srinath Narasimhan, dean of Wisconsin School of Business Dr Vallabh Sambamurthy and former Britannia CEO Sunil Kumar Alagh were conferred the prestigious distinguished alumnus award by Indian Institute of Management Calcutta on Sunday, as the institute held its Diamond Jubilee celebration at the Joka campus.

Subramaniam, a 34th-batch alumnus of the post-graduate programme, expressed his gratitude to the

institute, saying it taught him the “ability to think from first principle” and apply it to the country’s economic recovery after Covid. Narasimhan, a 21st-batch alumnus, urged students to challenge their limitations and “do something to make the planet a better place to live in”.

Sambamurthy, an 18th batch alumnus, said: “The two most important words are ‘integrity’ and ‘fun’. It is up to us to live a life of integrity and give back to the institute but at the same time, we need to seize the moment and enjoy the company we have.” Alagh, a 3rd-batch alumnus, said people should not focus on how to live but

plan how to die. “Real happiness comes from how you plan to die, how people are going to remember you after your death,” he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Shrikrishna Kulkarni, chairperson of the IIM-C board of governors, emphasised the need to prepare managers not just for industrial, financial and commercial enterprises but also as enablers of social change and national development.

The Diamond Jubilee Lecture was delivered online by noted social scientist and IIM-C alumnus Dipesh Chakrabarty on ‘Business Education in the Anthropocene: Some Questions For Our Times’.