

# ISB appoints a new dean in Rangnekar: to sweep clean

**I**ndian School of Business, Hyderabad, has appointed its fourth new dean for a term of five years. The Executive Board of the Indian School of Business (ISB) confirmed the appointment of Ajit Rangnekar as the dean of the ISB, with immediate effect. Several candidates were said to be reviewed for the position of the dean ever since it fell vacant in January 2009.

According to Rajat Gupta, chairman, ISB, said: "We could not have asked for a better outcome. Ever since Ajit joined the ISB nearly years ago, he has become indispensable to the school.



He has played a crucial role in the school's growth over the years, and embodies the ISB's vision and values in everything he does. We are excited and privileged that he has accepted this responsibility, and extend to him our full support in strengthening the ISB's position as a top ranked global B School."

The former Dean of the Kellogg School of Management, and a member of the search committee for the selection of the ISB dean, Dipak Jain said, "The ISB, in the present stage of its evolution, has the opportunity of becoming a pivotal school in the emerging region. In Ajit Rangnekar, we have

found someone with a keen understanding of the business of B School education, rich experience in the Asian region, and above all, a zealous conviction in making business schools relevant to the communities that they operate in."

Ajit Rangnekar has a background spanning over thirty years in consulting and industry, across different countries in Asia. Prior to being formally appointed the dean, he was the deputy dean of the school from March 2003 to January 2009. Before joining the ISB, he was the country head, first for Price Waterhouse Consulting and then for PwC Consulting, in Hong Kong and the Philippines. He was head of the Telecom and Entertainment Industry Consulting practice for PwC in East Asia (China to Indonesia). Rangnekar completed his undergraduate degree from the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, and post graduation in management from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

While speaking on his appointment, Ajit Rangnekar, Dean, ISB, said "I have always been passionate about the ISB and its vision, and am proud to have been a part of its growth over the years. It is indeed an honour to be entrusted with the responsibility of leading the school in the next phase of its growth.

In the coming years, we will continue to strengthen our faculty pool, enhance our research capabilities, and focus extensively on making ISB the best in the world on issues of fast emerging economies. In this journey, I am grateful to have the continued support of the entire ISB community."

The ISB was established in 2001 and, over the years, has made rapid strides towards achieving its vision of becoming an independent top ranked global B School. Some of the highlights in its journey include its 15th in the Financial Times Global Top MBA Programmes 2009; it is considered to be the largest provider of executive education in India, and among the largest in Asia having Centres of Excellence in seven specialised areas.

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