

## **MPPP CLASS OF 2018 LAUNCHED WITH A BANG!**

MPPP Class of 2018 at the Indian School of Business (ISB) got to a roaring start on April 28, 2017. The 29 mid-career students in the class are evenly distributed among the key sectors –11 students from Government representing the All India Services (IAS, IPS, Indian Forrest Service) and Central Government Services, 9 students from the private sector (banking, consulting, marketing, financial services), and 9 students from public sector enterprises (FCI and railways). The rich and varied class composition provides a diverse and balanced perspective on all public policy challenges of our times.

The inauguration saw highly insightful sessions on modes of learning at ISB (Prof. Arun Pereira of CLMP), Resources for learning (Dr. Venkadesan of LRC), honor code for learning (Prof. Ram Thirumalai), and modes and techniques of effective academic collaboration by Prof. Rajeshwar Upadhyaya (alum of MPPP 1). Of course, the most well received session was the experience sharing session between alums of MPPP and current batch. All of us enjoyed watching the beans being spilled by MPPP alums Maninder Kaur Dwivedi, Sundeep Jammalamadaka, Rakesh Kerwell, and Rajeshwar Upadhyaya.

The five day residency in Mohali (April 29-May 4, 2017) was inaugurated by ISB Dean, Prof. Rajendra Srivastava, and had the distinct honor and pleasure of having scintillating guest lectures by Dr. Nasim Zaidi, Chief Election Commissioner and Mr. Manpreet Badal, Finance Minister of Punjab.

This residency had three core courses on: Applied Economics for Public Policy Makers, Fundamentals of Design and Implementation of Public Policy, and Infrastructure Policy and Management.

Above all, however, the first Residency in Mohali was arguably the best and the most enjoyable Residency in the short but glorious history of MPPP. All of us, faculty, academic associates, and staff, enjoyed teaching and interacting with the MPPP Class of 2018. Without exception, they were warm, wonderful and focused. We put them through a real challenge and they stood up to it brilliantly.