

Distinguished Professor of IIT, Mr. R. Gopalakrishnan at VGSOM, IIT Kharagpur

IIT Kharagpur is pleased to welcome Mr. R. Gopalakrishnan, former executive director of Tata Sons Ltd, as distinguished visiting faculty. Mr. Gopalakrishnan visited IIT Kharagpur on 27th July and spent two days at the Institute. During his stay at IIT Kharagpur, Mr. Gopalakrishnan was primarily associated with the Vinod Gupta School of Management. He also interacted with other units of the Institute such as, the Rekhi centre of excellence, Rajendra Mishra School of Engineering Entrepreneurship among others.



About Mr. R. Gopalakrishnan

Mr. R. Gopalakrishnan is the CEO of Mindworks, a brand under which he writes, advises, speaks and teaches. He designs and delivers guidance to improve the productivity and performance of individuals and organizations. He has served as Chairman of Unilever Arabia, as managing director of Brooke Bond Lipton and Vice Chairman of Hindustan Lever and as executive director of Tata Sons and several other Tata companies. He also serves as an independent director on the board AkzoNobel India, Castrol India and Hemas plc, Sri Lanka. He is a past president of the All India Management Association (AIMA)—in 2003/04.

R. Gopalakrishnan obtained his B.Sc(Hons) degree in Physics from St Xavier's College Calcutta University, B.Tech in Electronics from IIT Kharagpur in 1967 and attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. He mentors a start-up called Mapmygenome Private Limited, the board of which he chairs. He is actively engaged in both instructional and inspirational speaking. He has also authored five best-selling books, "The case of the bonsai manager" and "When the penny drops" being the two early and prominent ones.