

## **Distinguished lecture series at XIME**

### **Seize the right opportunity says Goldman Sachs senior VP to Business Students**

The distinguished speaker series at Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship, Bangalore was kick started by Ms. Preeti Rajagopalan, Vice President and Group Leader, Goldman Sachs, Bangalore for the current academic year. Her experience pans across banks, asset management companies and securities. She graduated from the Harvard University and has earned her MBA from MIT's Sloan School of Business. Ms. Rajagopalan chose to speak on her journey across life with special focus on her experience of her MBA days. According to her, career is a journey and we have the power to create our own paths. Her music lessons in piano and the trumpet, her bharathanatyam training and immense interest in playing American soccer forced her out of the comfort zone and made her comfortable in being uncomfortable, she said. Over the years she has realised that learning an instrument requires dexterity, discipline, agility and ability to focus. The soccer sessions made her realise that one cannot be a coach or a captain overnight and it is similar in the business world as well. She said that developing multiple facets is extremely relevant today and what differentiates her from the others is her refusal to say she can't do something. Ms Rajagopalan shared her tips for success with the XIME community which include commitment, strong sense of ownership and accountability, sincerity- building trust and good relationships, being resilient, being constructive of the situation we face, and good communication skills. At the end of the session, the students appreciated the fact that success is not a zero sum game. It's important to praise and encourage others at their moment of success. Both men and women have the opportunity to lead successful careers in the business world, the only thing is to seize the right opportunity.



Ms. Preeti Rajagopalan, Vice President and Group Leader, Goldman Sachs, addressing XIME students