

A Four Day Orientation Programme kick Started at IIM Raipur

Indian Institute of Management Raipur, the opening of its new academic calendar for the first year students of Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) and Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) was lined with a four day Orientation Programme- 27 June to 30 June- all organised to benefit the students who are about to experience a new phase in their life.

Prof. Lakshman Chaturvedi, Vice-Chancellor, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Central University, Bilaspur also member of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Management Raipur was the Chief Guest for the occasion. In his Inaugural Address he congratulated the the 4th Batch of PGP and 2nd Batch of FPM students to have been able to enter into such a prestigious Institute. He added a patriotic taste to the interaction by bringing forth the fresh insight of balancing our needs with the expectations of our nation. He urged them to be active players and reduce 'adulteration' from all walks of life. He also reminded the faculty that they have a great responsibility in developing these young students into world class leaders and the Institute into a world class b-school. He concluded by advising the students to never lose hope when they face problems because "when there is a will, there is a way."

Prof Nitin Madhusudan Nagarkar, Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Raipur delivered the Keynote Address. He started off by drawing parallels between the two institutions of national importance like the AIIMs and IIMs. Being in the nascent stage of development and having Raipur city as a common platform both have the onus and challenge of proving their worth by striving together to tackle the bottlenecks and emerge as pioneers. In his address he praised the Director, Indian Institute of Management Raipur, Prof. B.S. Sahay, for being extremely dynamic in promoting variety of activities in the Institute and his tireless efforts in nurturing the young Institute. He advised the new batch of PGP and FPM students to be ambitious managers but at the same time the local issues of the region should be addressed.

Prof. B.S Sahay, Director, Indian Institute of Management extended a warm welcome to the new batch of students and the guests. He informed the students about the vision of the Institute and that is to emerge as one of the top management schools in the world. He highlighted on the practice oriented learning and contemporary industry-focussed curriculum, driven by strong corporate interface that the Institute offers to its student in order to achieve high academic excellence. In order to bring global perspective to all its programme IIM Raipur has signed MoUs with 7 business schools in Europe and South East Asia. He motivated the students "to dream big, think big and must do big" and be passionate about whatever you do.

Prof. Ajit Prasad, Dean (Academics) introduced the core faculty of the Institute. Prof. Pradyumna Das, Chairperson (Admissions) acquainted the gathering with the rigors of the selection process and the growing popularity of the Institute. He was glad to inform that the Institute is emerging as the most desired destination for students among the new IIMs. Prof. Sanjeev Parashar, Chairperson (PGP) inspired the students to perpetuate knowledge into habits day in and day out. Prof. Vinita Sahay, Chairperson (FPM) and Student Affairs proposed a vote of thanks.

The Orientation Programme includes a variety of activities and lectures by eminent personalities in the coming days. It is the new beginning in their life and so the students started the day with Yoga session by Dr. Sidhi Sharma.

Some of the top corporate and beurocratic leaders were invited to share their experiences and motivate our young students. Dr. S. Chandrashekhar, Vice President India & South Asia, IBM spoke on the need to maintain a balance in personal and professional life. He shared his personal experiences regarding pitfalls involved in leading. His friendly and candid persona filled the room with a whiff of fresh enthusiasm. He instilled his faith in the new IIMs to be as hungry in their enthusiasm as their older counterparts. He spoke about life beyond IIMs and its classrooms.

IIM Raipur almost became a melting pot of ideas after Mr. Pradeep Tandon Executive Vice President, Jindal Steel & Power Ltd., graced the occasion with his insights about the how the graduates joining the industry let a sense of casual complacency override their dedication and perfection to work.

Mr. Ramkumar, Executive Director and Board Member, ICICI Bank started by highlighting that the objective of doing an MBA is to broaden one's perspective. He encouraged the students to have their own curriculum parallel to the Institute's curriculum. He motivated the students to be worthy so that people ask their name and not their salary. He further explained that future is important and what one does makes the difference.

A lecture on 'Management and Architecture' was delivered by Prof. Ajay Khare, Director, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal. The institutes like IIMs are engines of economy of our country and they must be nurtured.

The day concluded with an address by Mr Aman Singh, Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh. He inspired students to set high goals and then travel on the path that leads to their goal. He emphasized on the importance of integrity of thought along with integrity of actions.