

IIM Raipur gets a glimpse of 'The Future of Indian Airports'



Prof B.S Sahay felicitating Shri. Anil Kumar Rai

The students of Indian Institute of Management Raipur had an interactive and enriching session on Indian Aviation Sector and the future of Indian Airports with Mr. Anil Kumar Rai, Director, Raipur Airport, Airports Authority of India (AAI).

The session started with the Welcome Address by Prof. B.S. Sahay, Director, Indian Institute of Management Raipur. He heralded the achievements of AAI in revolutionizing the conditions of Indian airports and congratulated Mr. Rai for successfully accomplishing the project to modernize Raipur airport in a limited timeframe. Mr. Rai gave a detailed understanding of Indian aviation sector and Indian airports in his presentation. Sharing his ideas on Indian aviation, Mr. Rai said that India is the ninth biggest aviation market in the world, and by 2020 it would be the third biggest market. He touched upon the various aspects of aviation sector such as opening of more operational airports, improving international air connectivity and increasing number of aircrafts.

Mr. Rai highlighted the role played by AAI in setting up and inaugurating the new Swami Vivekananda Airport in Raipur. He elucidated the various achievements of AAI such as terminating flying club operations, acquiring a new aerodrome license for Raipur, commissioning of simple approach lighting system for aided landing in poor visibility conditions and improving the facilities available at the airport. He also elaborated the various initiatives taken by AAI such as CSR activities like blood donation and

cleanliness campaign. He also described how the beautification of the airport area has been done by planting trees.

The session concluded with a 'Questions and Answers' session in which he gave his inputs on the students' queries pertaining to the contemporary issues of aviation industry. It was a great learning experience for the students of IIM Raipur.