

# 'Perform in Public Admn, Local Village Reformation sectors'

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman encourages young minds during IIM Raipur convocation

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THE Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Raipur convoked 147 students from the Post Graduate Programme 2016-18 Batch, 49 students from the Post Graduate Programme 2015-17 Batch, 10 students from the Post Graduate Programme for working executives-2016-18 Batch and 8 students from the Fellow Programme in Management in the 7th Convocation Ceremony held on Tuesday.

Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was the chief guest of the ceremony while Chief



Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, faculties and graduating students during a photo session on Tuesday. (C) Partha Sarathi Sahoo receiving Overall Performance Gold Medal from Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. (R) Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman heading for the Convocation venue at IIM Raipur, Sejbahar on Tuesday.



Minister of Chhattisgarh Dr Raman Singh was guest of honour. Distinguished personalities like Shyamala Gopinath, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIM Raipur and Professor Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM Raipur hosted the event on behalf of

the Institute.

The Gold Medal for Overall Performance, was awarded to Partha Sarathi Sahoo, while the BOG Chairperson's Gold Medal was awarded to Sai Dayitva Gaur. The Director's Gold Medal was awarded to Garima Bisht and the

PGP Chairperson's Gold Medal was awarded to Yash Wardhan and Prateek Garg. The Gold Medal for PGPWE was awarded to Jaya Gupta.

Sitharaman expressed her pleasure over the fact that the Institute encourages women par-

ticipation as well as students from various academic backgrounds. She said that in these challenging times where there is a churn at global level, there are a lot of conflicting ideologies. She cited how a socialist country like China is opening up its economy and coun-

tries like the US are becoming more and more protectionist. She urged the young, well trained and imaginative minds of IIM Raipur to come forward in areas such as Public Administration and Local Village Reformation.

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