

# Verma optimistic about Indo-US ties

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US Ambassador to India Richard Verma while interacting with the students of IIM Raipur, GEC Raipur and IIT Bhubilai at GEC Auditorium here on Tuesday spoke of various fronts on which both the countries have collaborated and succeeded. He was also very optimistic about Indo-US ties and termed the last two years as the best period in the relationship between the two countries. He said that the US president wants India to be a strong, prosperous, successful global power. He expressed his opinion that India will lead the world in most of the arenas and how two third of America is going to be a close partner in this growth journey.

He also mentioned how visits made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi have strengthened the ties. He even quoted Modi's speech at the US Congress earlier this year where Modi had said that the two countries have overcome the hesitation of history and



that India is on course of making US its indispensable partner. He also emphasized on the role India and the US can play in ensuring peace and harmony in the entire world.

After he addressed the gathering, the students were allowed to interact with the diplomat in a question and answer session.

He was accompanied by Thomas L Vajda, Counsel General of Mumbai Consulate and Christopher Grossman, Chief of the Political and Economic Section at the Mumbai Consulate. Dr SS Bajaj (Director, Technical Education, Chhattisgarh), Dr. Sanjeev Prashar (Faculty, IIM Raipur), Dr AK Dubey (Principal, GEC), Dr Bharat Panigrahi (IIT Bhubilai) and Dr PK Sinha were also present to welcome the diplomat.