

IIM Raipur observes 2 minutes silence to commemorate Martyr's Day

Raipur, Jan 31:

Along with the entire country, the Director, the faculty members, the non-academic staff and the students of IIM Raipur gathered and observed a 2 minute silence at 11 AM to commemorate the martyrdom of soldiers who lost their lives defending the sovereignty of India.

Martyrs' Day is observed in India on January 30, the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, to pay homage to the countless sacrifices made by the freedom fighters of India. Every year the President and the Prime Minister along several defence personnel gather at Raj Ghat for a wreath-laying ceremony and observe 2 minute silence with due solemnity. After observing the 2 minute silence, Prof. BS Sahay, Director of IIM Raipur, addressed the gathering. He emphasised on the importance of Martyrs' Day and said, "Our freedom fighter have done unparalleled service to our nation and the personal loss they suffered in the process can't be compensated. What we, as responsible and sensitive citizens, should do is that we should value our hard earned independence and thank our freedom heroes." Prof. PRS Sarma, PGP Chairman of IIM Raipur, added, "This is a day to honour those who have paid



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the price of freedom in blood. The students should derive inspiration from the passion these freedom fighters had for the betterment of their country."

The day was filled with emotions, sentiments and feeling of pride taking the students back to the era of struggle and sacrifice. The dais was then opened for the students to share their views. Harshit Kalra, PGP 2016-18, said, "We are all grateful to those who have made it

possible for us to live and breathe in a free India. Let us not take this freedom for granted. I do not take this freedom for granted."

Prateek Ghodeshwar, PGP 2016-18, said, "More than martyrdom what our freedom fighters would have yearned for is respect for what came at the price of their sacrifices, our independence."

Prashant Gupta, PGP 2016-18, said "We should not stop at just observing Martyrs' Day.

We should cultivate awareness about a citizen's responsibility towards his country so that we always have people who are ready to sacrifice it all when the nation needs it."

Shruti Lanjewar, PGP 2016-18, said, "Our army has taken giant leaps in the last year, be it surgical strikes or countering insurgencies on J&K borders. No amount of appreciation and admiration is enough for their unconditional service."