

IIM RAIPUR CELEBRATES THE TRIUMPH OF ITS GRADUATES AT THE 12TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY

IIM Raipur is delighted to announce the successful conclusion of its 12th convocation ceremony on 24th April 2023. The event was held at the Madai Auditorium with great grandeur and pride. Family members, friends, and distinguished guests watched as 17 student exchange graduates, 233 Postgraduate Program graduates, 21 PGPMWE graduates, 172 ePGP graduates, and 2 Executive Fellow Program in Management graduates received their convocation degrees and medals.

The ceremony celebrated the achievements of our graduating students who have completed their degree programs and are ready to enter the workforce. We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. During the ceremony, esteemed Chief Guest Shri Ashish Chauhan, Chairperson Board of Governors IIM Raipur, Shrimati Shyamala Gopinath, and Director IIM Raipur, Professor Ram Kumar Kakani delivered inspiring messages to our graduates, encouraging them to pursue their dreams and positively impact their communities. We want to thank our speakers and guests for their valuable contributions to the event's success.

Smt. Shyamala Gopinath congratulated the graduating batch and advised them to adopt a strong work ethic as they move forward. She urged the students to contribute to creating a positive and healthy work environment where diversity of thoughts, ideas, and opinions is accepted, valued, and welcomed. She also encouraged the students to always keep learning with dedication, consistency, and sincerity.

Chief Guest Shri Ashish Chauhan encouraged graduating students to draw from India's traditional knowledge and strive to find innovative solutions to the societal challenges of our times. He highlighted India's achievements in light of the challenging pandemic times and inspired students to build the same level of resilience and proficiency in

their corporate journeys. Shri Chauhan spoke highly of our strides in making India an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and urged the audience to imbibe that in thoughts, words, and deeds. On a personal level, he encouraged the graduating batch to be grateful, responsible, courageous, and sincere, to be curious and seek knowledge actively, be kind and open-minded, be humble, ethical, and patient, and be of service to the nation by taking the right action.

Director Prof. Kakani presented the Director's report, where he shared IIM Raipur's achievements and ambitious plans. Prof. Kakani highlighted various achievements of IIM Raipur, including their glorious research output, newly incubated working paper series, and case house. Additionally, he mentioned the successful consulting projects and management development programs with Govt. of India, CG Govt., and other prestigious clients, as well as the national and international prizes won by the student community. Prof. Kakani mentioned the MoUs in Digital Health programs dedicated to improving India's healthcare system and urban planning. Furthermore, he mentioned the alumni and accreditation initiatives and the various campus activities initiated by the fraternity to make IIM Raipur a vibrant and culturally rich space. He advised the graduating students to embrace the spirit of competition and allow room for inclusive growth while keeping IIM Raipur's motto 'Sva-KarmaNiratha Siddhim' (by one's role-actions, one attains perfection) in mind.

IIM Raipur's convocation ceremony also saw gold medals being awarded for scholastic performance. Among the Post Graduate Programme (PGP) students, Aditi Joshi received the BOG Chairperson's Gold Medal, Karambelkar Shweta Rahul received the Director's Gold Medal, Ayush Kumar received the PGP Chairperson's medal and Harshit Jain received the medal for the best overall performance.

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