

IIM Raipur hosts RBI Janbhagidhari event under G20 presidency

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INDIAN Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur, partnered with the Reserve Bank of India to host an event for their Janbhagidhari initiative. Janbhagidhari events are being conducted nationwide to raise awareness and foster a sense of pride among stakeholders by focusing on key topics such as the G20, National Education Policy, and Financial Literacy Network. This event was organized by the Finatix Club of IIM Raipur.

Aditi Dubey, Assistant General Manager, RBI, and Digvijay Raut, Manager, RBI, commenced the event by presenting the groundbreaking changes RBI has made in our nation. They highlighted the significance of digitization and financial inclusivity and how it would benefit everyone. Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani, Director of IIM Raipur, virtually addressed the esteemed guests and students. He underlined that intangible things hold



Distinguished speakers interacting with the students during the panel discussion on organised collectively by IIM Raipur and RBI.

great importance, and true empowerment doesn't arise solely from social or financial resources but from fostering financial inclusivity.

The theme of the panel discussion was "Digital Banking as an Enabler to Financial Inclusion." It featured distinguished speakers, including Ajay Kumar Sharma, Executive Vice President, Alternate Banking Channel & Partnerships, HDFC Bank, Vishal Saxena, Deputy General Manager, Alternate Channel, Corporate Centre, Mumbai, State Bank of India, Abhay Parekh, Country Head of Aadhar Enabled Payment

Systems and National Financial Switch, National Payment Corporation of India.

The panel discussion was moderated by Prof. Satyasiba Das, Professor, Strategic Management & IS Dean (External Relations & ERP) In Charge, IIM Raipur. The discussion began with Abhay Parekh stressing students' pivotal role in financial inclusion, citing NPCI's enhanced bank interoperability and the impact of conversational payments and face authentication on financial technology.

Vishal Saxena highlighted the success of Aadhar in addressing identity challenges

and streamlining banking, acknowledging progress towards our ultimate goal despite connectivity challenges and ongoing infrastructure development.

Ajay Sharma demonstrated technology's transactional ease by encouraging the audience to transfer one rupee to their neighbors. He emphasized India's global business recognition and focused efforts to maintain leadership in specific problem areas.

Chandrasekhar Sahu, former Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Abhanpur, also addressed the audience regarding the influ-

ence of India's current G-20 presidency. Following the panel discussion, quizzes were organized, engaging students from various institutions, including IIIT Nava Raipur, HNLU Raipur, IIM Raipur, IIT Bhilai, NIT Raipur, and PT. RS University, Raipur.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Ranjan Das Gupta, Area Chair of Finance & Accounts, Associate Professor (Finance & Accounts).

He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the guests, students, participants, and everyone who contributed to the event's success.