

IIM Raipur hosts 6th BRICS Development & Governance conference

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Raipur, Mar 08: Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur concludes its 6th International Conference on Development and Governance in the BRICS on March 8th, 2024. The conference served as a platform for intellectual discourse, knowledge sharing, and innovative solutions to address governance challenges faced by the BRICS nations.

With a focus on sustainable development, digitization, and ethical leadership, the event brought together academics, public and private sector leaders, and visionaries to engage in profound dialogues to promote prosperity, inclusivity, and sustainability in the BRICS nations.

The conference reflects IIM Raipur's ongoing commitment to advancing academic excellence and contributing to the development of future leaders.

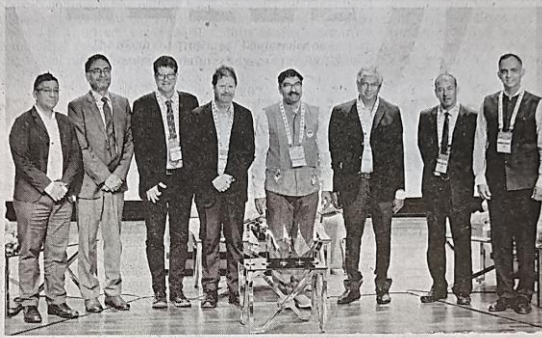
The second day witnessed a panel discussion that revolved around the theme of "Governance in the Times of Global Turmoil," moderated by Prof. Suresh Babu, IIT Madras. During the panel discussion, Shri Himanshu Shekhar Mishra, Senior Editor at NDTV India, emphasized the pressing need for coordinated global action on climate change.

Providing alarming statistics, his insights stressed the crucial role of collaborations within BRICS to tackle climate-induced challenges effectively. Prof. N R Bhanumurthy, Vice-Chancellor of BASE University Bangalore, emphasized India's savings leadership and highlighted the New Development Bank's role in addressing post-COVID challenges, advocating for global collaboration and knowledge-sharing.

Prof. C P G Tapscott,

University of the Western Cape, South Africa, emphasized the need for BRICS to reform financial institutions for a new global order, acknowledging its evolving structure with new members. He underscored the importance of staying relevant and connected with existing members.

Prof. Alexey G B a r a b a s h e v, National Research University, Russia, focusing on resource concentration, discussed Russia's financial sanctions and advocated for promoting tourism within the BRICS framework. Prof. V. C. Vivekanandan, Vice-Chancellor at HNLU, provided insights on various dimensions and their relevance to the broader themes discussed in the



context of BRICS.

Ms. Arti Ahuja, Secretary to Govt. of India, Labour & Employment, delivered a keynote address on innovation in the BRICS public sector, focusing on social protection and security. She discussed India's

social protection coverage, citing various welfare schemes and the challenges, such as privacy concerns with Aadhar.

The final panel discussion themed "Governance and Entrepreneurship" followed, with Dr. M R Madhavan, President and

co-founder of PRS Legislative Research, emphasized the rise of entrepreneurship in the service sector post-91 reforms, while Dr. Pushpinder Punjha (IRS ret'd.), Financial Advisor to BCCI highlighted the importance of learning from

others and community participation in enhancing welfare indices.

Dr. Ashish Desai, Advisor, Open Network for Digital Commerce - a Govt. of India Initiative, discussed entrepreneurship, particularly the challenges faced by entrepreneurs and the need for collaborative innovation and support, especially for women entrepreneurs. He emphasized the importance of access to financial and market resources.

Prof. Prem Singh (IAS ret'd.), IIM Raipur, a retired IAS officer, discussed the relationship between the government and entrepreneurs, stressing the need for mutual respect and support, considering entrepreneurs as soldiers contributing to society's welfare.

The panel discussion followed a distinguished award ceremony providing the Best Paper Award. In addition, participation

certificates were bestowed upon all attendees, symbolizing the commitment to fostering academic collaboration.

The conference, marked by intellectual vigor and insightful discussions, was summarized eloquently by Prof. Satyasiba Das, Dean External at IIM Raipur. Prof. Ms. Pooja Beria, a prominent member of the Board of Governors at IIM Raipur, expressed gratitude to all participants, speakers, and organizers for their invaluable contributions.

In her vote of thanks, Ms. Beria highlighted the collaborative spirit that defined the conference, underscoring the institute's dedication to promoting academic excellence and fostering a vibrant scholarly community. The event's success was attributed to the collective efforts of everyone involved, marking it as a memorable and impactful occasion for IIM Raipur.

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