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## 'Education has a highly transformative power, leadership carries value creation'

■ Staff Reporter RAIPUR, Oct 13

INDIAN Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur marked its 15th Foundation Day with an eventful ceremony at its prestigious campus in Raipur. To celebrate IIM Raipur's remarkable journey and accomplishments over the past 15 years, esteemed faculty members, students, and distinguished guests graced the event, making it a memorable occasion.

The monumental event was graced by Chief Guest and CEO of Adani Airports (CSD) Amit Grover, who was welcomed by Professor Ram Kumar Kakani, Director IIM Raipur. In a heartwarming gesture, the event paid tribute to the institute's founders, with a special skit by Professor Kamal K Jain.

Delivering the foundation day address, chief guest and



A guest addressing the 15th Foundation Day programme of IIM Raipur.

CEO of Adani Airports (CSD) Amit Grover shared shared inspiring insights on the role of education from personal anecdotes that help to shape the future and emphasised the importance of continuous learning and adapting to new challenges in a fast-evolving world. He said, "To the new world, it will not be a straight line, education has a highly transformative power and leadership carries value creation". He emphasised on five important takeaways of leadership, resilience, establishing personal goals, empathy, self-awareness and the importance of having a global view".

Earlier, welcoming the esteemed guests, Professor Ram Kumar Kakanisaid, "As we celebrate the 15th Foundation Day, I'm filled with pride in how far we've reached. This milestone underscores the hard work, dedication, and vision of our founder, faculty, staff, and students. Our journey has been full of growth, transformation, and pursuit of excellence. Today we celebrate our history while renewing our goals of fostering excellence. Upcoming years hold great

potential in terms of expanding our reach globally and providing more opportunities to our students that transcend boundaries."

A key highlight of the day was the presentation of certificates of appreciation for the faculty and staff, recognising their length of service, citizenship behaviour, and the best employee.

These honours also includedawardsforexceptionalcontributions by service providers and faculty members who had incorporated the institute's CHIRP case studies. In addition, certificates of merit and scholarly achievement were presented to FPM and PGP students, recognising their academic achievements and dedication. To further energise the evening, cultural performances showcased the spirit of creativity and unity within the IIM Raipur community.

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