

## IIM Raipur's Yuva Sangam Phase V programme ends

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THE five-day cultural exchange programme was organised by IIM Raipur under Yuva Sangam Phase V in collaboration with the Ministry of Education as part of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat initiative concluded successfully with a vibrant valedictory session. Delegates from Assam experienced an unforgettable journey of cultural immersion, learning and connection with the people and heritage of Chhattisgarh.

The valedictory session held at the Madai Auditorium of IIM Raipur, was graced by Abhishek Singh, former Lok Sabha member and the youngest MP from Chhattisgarh as the Chief Guest. In his inspiring address, Abhishek Singh encouraged the delegates to embrace experiences that push them beyond their comfort zones, saying, "Whenever life gives you an opportunity to extend yourself beyond your means intellectually or physi-



Assam delegates on visit to IIM Raipur under cultural exchange programme.

cally you must accept it. Such experiences build an amazing confidence in your personality, and that transformation is priceless." He urged the students to stay curious and open, adding, "Always take time to reflect on your experiences, as those reflections will reveal something new about yourself and help you grow."

The session featured a cultural presentation by the Assam delegates, offering a glimpse into the state's vibrant traditions, heritage and community. Assam del-

egates also shared their transformative experiences during the programme.

The event concluded with the distribution of certificates and mementos to the participants by Director of IIM Raipur Professor Ram Kumar Kakani, Professor Ashapurna and the Chief Guest followed by a vote of thanks and group photography.

Over the course of five days, the delegates from Assam explored the multifaceted cultural, historical, and industrial landscape of Chhattisgarh. Their

journey included visits to the archaeological treasures of Sirpur, the wildlife sanctuary at Barnawapara, and the Bhilai Steel Plant, Asia's largest steel industry. They also delved into the state's cultural vibrancy by experiencing Chhattisgarhi folk music and cuisine.

The delegates further explored modern infrastructure in the smart city of Naya Raipur, visited the State Museum, and engaged with local communities in bustling markets like Golbazaar.