

Public leadership programme for MLAs begins at IIM

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A TWO-DAY Public Leadership Programme for Members of Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly has begun at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Nava Raipur Atal Nagar on Saturday.

Assembly Speaker Dr Raman Singh, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Leader of Opposition in Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Dr Charan Das Mahant inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp at Indian Institute of Management Nava Raipur Atal Nagar on Saturday.

Addressing the inaugural session, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, "There can be differences of opinion among all of us but there should not be any animosity and this has always been the case among the MLAs. The development of Chhattisgarh is our main objective and as public representatives, we have to always work dedicatedly in the interest of the people of the state." Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Mann Ki Baat programme always talks about keeping learning and definitely there is no age for learning. There are many MLAs present here who



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have a long experience as people's representatives, but they too are very excited about this programme, he added. Sai said that the presence of all the MLAs proves how concerned and excited they are about the development of Chhattisgarh.

"As a public representative, your behaviour with the common people is your biggest asset and this will further strengthen people's trust in you and the parliamentary system," observed

the Chief Minister.

Chief Minister Sai said that the Public Leadership Programme is a strong platform for sharing innovative solutions and it will prove useful and meaningful in achieving the goal of developed Chhattisgarh 2047. Sai shared information about the efforts being made by the State government to establish the concept of good governance.

He said that the system of e-office has increased adminis-

trative efficiency as well as transparency. "If we have to take the state forward, we will have to be equally prepared to deal with all kinds of challenges," said Sai. He laid special emphasis on the proper use of technology in public interest.

Chief Minister Sai also described the Chintan Shivir organised at the IIM last year as extremely useful. He said that whatever the MLAs had learnt in the Chintan Shivir, they had made full use of it in policy making for Chhattisgarh. It helped the MLAs a lot in preparing the vision document as well as the budget, he added.

The Chief Minister asked all the MLAs to take full advantage of the two-day session and wished the IIM for a successful event. In his address, Assembly Speaker Dr Raman Singh said that all the MLAs remained actively involved in the budget session of the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly for about one month and immediately after that, the presence of all the MLAs in this two-day event is commendable.

He said the MLAs must be thinking that why their training after winning? After winning, their responsibility and role increases, so they should keep

learning continuously. They have to work not only for their own area but also for the betterment of Chhattisgarh, he added.

Dr Singh also shared many experiences from his tenure as Chief Minister and expressed his views on behaviour, connection with the public and winning their trust.

In his address, Leader of Opposition in Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Dr Charan Das Mahant said, "It would be a wrong notion to think that we became leaders as soon as we became MLAs. Becoming a leader is a process and we have to learn it. A tribal son of Jashpur has become the Chief Minister today after overcoming difficult circumstances and this is the beauty and strength of our democracy."

The main objective of all the MLAs is the development of Chhattisgarh and there is a need to move forward towards this, he added.

Chief Executive Officer of NITI Ayog B V R Subramaniam, IIM Raipur Director Ram Kumar Kakani, Professors Sumit Gupta, Sanjeev Parashar, Archana Parashar and MLAs were present on the occasion. The event will conclude on Sunday.