

# IIM Raipur's leadership prog strives to school MLAs in CG

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**Raipur:** The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur organised a two-day Public Leadership Programme, specifically designed for the members of the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly. The programme, held on March 22-23, focused on strengthening governance capabilities and leadership competencies in the MLAs of the state.

The inauguration ceremony welcomed Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai, Assembly Speaker Dr Raman Singh, leader of opposition Dr Charandas Mahant, and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kedar Kashyap.

The CM stated, "This public leadership programme is a strong platform for sharing new solutions and it will prove useful and meaningful in achieving the goal of developed Chhattisgarh 2047. If we are to take the state forward, then we must be equally prepared to deal with all kinds of challenges. We need to emphasise the proper use of technology in the public interest. As a public representative, your behaviour with the common people is the biggest asset and it will strengthen the



(L to R) LoP Mahant, CM Sai & Speaker Raman Singh light the lamp

trust of the people in you and the parliamentary system."

The Speaker acknowledged the MLAs' dedication in attending the programme after the budget session. He stated: "You might be wondering why we need training after winning. After winning, our responsibilities and roles increase, which is why we must continue to learn. We should not work only for our respective constituencies but for the state."

The LoP shared, "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; this is the beauty and

strength of our democracy. The main objective of all of us is the progress of Chhattisgarh and there is a need to move forward with this."

IIM Raipur Director Dr Ram Kumar Kakani expressed, "At our institute, we believe in bridging the gap between education and administration. This programme is not limited to learning but also an opportunity to collaborate, exchange ideas, and share solutions to not only elevate the administrative standards of Chhattisgarh but also provide inspiration to other states."

The programme covered essential topics including financial planning, public life narratives, artificial intelligence, media relations, and public representatives' responsibilities.