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IIM Raipur hosted 9th Edition of Leadership Summit 2025



The Indian Institute of Management Raipur (IIM Raipur) hosted the 9th edition of its flagship event, Leadership Summit 2025, on August 23rd and 24th at its campus. The summit brought together more than 30 distinguished leaders and policymakers who engaged in discussions on the changing dimensions of leadership in an era shaped by disruption, innovation, and global interconnectedness.

The theme for this year's summit, "The CXO Compass: Navigating Beyond Boundaries to Build Future-Ready Organizations", reflects the Institute's vision of preparing leaders to embrace change and build organizations resilient to tomorrow's challenges. Across six interactive panel discussions, speakers will shed light on transformative strategies shaping businesses, including digital acceleration, sustainability, ethical governance, and inclusive growth.

IIM Raipur had the privilege of welcoming Shri. Sandeep Singh, Managing Director, Tata Hitachi Construction Machinery Company Private Limited and Executive Officer, Hitachi Construction Machinery, Japan, as the chief guest. Joining him as honored guests will be Mrs. Deepika Rajore, Human Resources Business Partner Global Operations, PepsiCo India. Their presence underscores the commitment of the summit to engage with thought leaders who exemplify excellence in leadership and organizational change.

Prof. Sanjeev Prashar, Director-In-Charge, IIM Raipur, and Prof. Mohit Goswami, Chairperson (Corporate Relations & Placements), IIM Raipur, emphasized the importance of curating this platform that blends academic rigor with practical insights.

Vision and Mission

Vision

"To become a premier management institution that inspires thought leadership through scholarship and teaching by incorporating an ethos of inquiry, consciousness, and innovation":

Mission

"To create future leaders by providing a learning-centric environment that nurtures management thought through research & practice."

IIM Raipur Celebrated 79th Independence Day



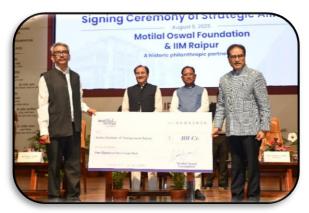
The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur marked the 79th Independence Day with a vibrant celebration on August 15, 2025. The event was a heartfelt homage to the nation's freedom fighters and a reminder of the enduring values that define India.

The celebration commenced with the Flag Hoisting Ceremony, led by Prof. Sanjeev Prashar, Director-In-Charge, IIM Raipur. The National Anthem, sung with pride by the assembled faculty, staff, and students, echoed through the grounds, invoking a deep sense of patriotism. Following the flag hoisting, Prof. Sanjeev Prashar delivered a stirring address and paid a heartfelt tribute to the sacrifices that paved the way for India's freedom. He emphasized the dual significance of August 14 —

Partition Day and August 15— Independence Day. "On August 14, we remember the unparalleled tragedy of Partition, and on August 15, we celebrate the priceless gift of freedom," he said. He highlighted India's remarkable journey to becoming the 4th largest economy and spoke about the nation's strides in startups, agriculture, and global competitiveness. He reminded the audience of Mahatma Gandhi's call for Swaraj in the 20th century and Prime Minister Modi's modern vision of Vocal for Local. The event also featured a special address by Prof. Swati Jain, Assistant Professor, who reflected upon the significance of contributing to the nation through academia.

The cultural Programme emerged as a standout highlight of the celebration, featuring a vibrant medley of patriotic songs, stirring poetry, and a captivating dance performance portraying India's journey from colonization to Independence. These presentations not only reflected the exceptional artistic talent of the students but also celebrated the rich cultural heritage that unites the nation.

Motilal Oswal Foundation donated ₹101 Crore to IIM Raipur Empowering Chhattisgarh's Rise as an Education and Innovation Hub



In a historic philanthropic initiative based on heritage and nation-building, the Motilal Oswal Foundation (MOF) has pledged a commitment of ₹101 crore to the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur. The formal signing of the Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) was held on August 8, 2025, at The Hindustan in Raipur in the esteemed presence of Honorable Chief Minister Shri. Vishnu Dev Sai and Honorable Deputy Chief Minister Shri. Vijay Sharma. On this occasion, Honorable MP Shri.

Brijmohan Agrawal from the Raipur constituency,

Honorable MLA Shri. Rajesh Munet from Raipur (West), Shri. Puneet Dalmia, Chairman of IIM Raipur, Dr. Sanjeev Prashar, Officer-on-Special-Duty of IIM Raipur, IAS Dr. S. Bharathidasan, Secretary of the Skill Development Department, and senior officials of the Jharkhand government, including Shri. Raamdeo Agrawal, were present.

This initiative, spearheaded by Shri. Raamdeo Agrawal, Chairman and Co-founder of Motilal Oswal Financial Services and Trustee of Motilal Oswal Foundation, is deeply personal. A proud native of



Nagpura, a village near Raipur, Shri. Agrawal is giving back to the land of birth and early education by investing in institutions that will define the region's future.

The support to IIM Raipur will enable the construction of the "Agrawal Oswal Student Residence," a 202-room hostel, and the "Dau Ram Gopal Agrawal Knowledge Centre," an academic block named in memory of Shri. Agrawal's late father. These additions are part of the institute's expansion and will help increase the institute's capacity from 500 to 1,200 students by 2030. The funding will also facilitate the launch of six international two-year dual degree MBA programs in collaboration with leading universities from the USA, UK, France, and Germany, enabling global education and preparing students from Bharat for international careers. It will help position IIM Raipur as an eminent institution in the top league.



Construction for these major projects, supported by the Motilal Oswal Foundation, will begin in FY2025-26, with completion expected by FY2027-28. This initiative aligns with India's Viksit Bharat @2047 vision, providing quality education, skill development, and entrepreneurship opportunities to empower the youth.

Shri. Raamdeo Agrawal, Trustee of the Foundation, emphasized his deep connection to Chhattisgarh, where he

grew up. He hopes this contribution to IIM Raipur, will foster world-class institutions, helping students from the region dream big. Shri. Motilal Oswal, Chairman of the Foundation, highlighted this as a tribute to their shared roots and long partnership.

Leaders from IIM Raipur spoke about the immense potential of this project. The Motilal Oswal Foundation's support will enhance academic excellence and provide global learning opportunities. The Smt. Mithilesh Agrawal Centre of Excellence, a collaboration between philanthropy, government, and academia, aims to drive innovation, foster entrepreneurship, and contribute to Chhattisgarh's industrial and technological growth.

This initiative is set to create a self-sustaining ecosystem, preparing a workforce equipped for the future while advancing India's vision of a self-reliant, technology-driven economy.

IIM Raipur successfully hosted 5th edition India Rural Colloquy 2025



IIM Raipur, in collaboration with the Tribal Research Institute (TRI), the Department of Forest, and the Department of Green Governance, successfully hosted the 5th India Rural Colloquy on the theme "Harit Arthvyavastha: Villages Leading Chhattisgarh's Green Economic Transition." The event brought together policymakers, grassroots leaders, students, and changemakers to discuss how rural India, where over 60% of the population lives, can drive the nation's green economic shift, particularly in Chhattisgarh.

Prof. Sanjeev Parashar, Director-in-Charge of IIM Raipur, emphasized the need for inclusive strategies in rural development, aiming to bridge





the gap between policy and practice. The inaugural session focused on local challenges like water scarcity and chemical fertilizer use, with female sarpanches, farmers, and entrepreneurs sharing their experiences. Ms. Niharika Barik, IAS, stressed the importance of local solutions and community empowerment in the green transition. Discussions also covered rural value addition, women's roles in sustainability, and the use of technology like drones to support farming. Dr. Rahul Bhagat, Secretary to the CM, highlighted the green economy as a "life strategy," stressing collective action. The event concluded with Deputy Chief Minister Shri Vijay Sharma praising the collaboration and urging innovation for a self-reliant, environmentally sustainable rural India. An MoU was signed to promote future partnerships.

IIM Raipur Strengthens Academic and Research Ties with Singapore



The Indian Institute of Management Raipur (IIM Raipur), NIT Raipur, and IIT Bhilai jointly held a high-level dialogue with Shri. Jerome Wong, Consul (Political), Consulate-General of Singapore, and Ms. Ericka to explore new avenues of academic and research cooperation. The meeting coincided with the 60th anniversary of Singapore-India diplomatic relations and emphasized strengthening ties in education, innovation, and skill

development.

The discussion was attended by institutional leaders including Prof. Sanjeev Prashar, Director-In-Charge, IIM Raipur; Prof. Rajiv Prakash, Director, IIT Bhilai; Dr. N.V. Ramana Rao, Director, NIT Raipur; Shri. Ajit Bhatpahri, GM-CSTDC; Prof. Sumeet Gupta, IIM Raipur; and Dr. Anuj Shukla, NIT Raipur.





Key areas of collaboration highlighted during the meeting included semiconductor development, joint academic programs with Singaporean universities, and expanded international student exchanges. The Singaporean representatives expressed readiness to facilitate linkages for dual-degree programs, collaborative research, and mobility initiatives. The role of data centres and digital infrastructure was also underscored as a critical enabler of such partnerships.

Beyond academia, both governments explored possibilities for linking institutions with industries and policy bodies in Singapore and Chhattisgarh to foster impactful, skill-oriented programs. The dialogue reflected a shared vision of combining India's innovation-driven education system with Singapore's expertise in applied pedagogy to create globally relevant initiatives.

The meeting concluded on a positive note with a felicitation ceremony at IIM Raipur and a commitment from all sides to chart a roadmap for joint initiatives. This collaboration signals a significant step toward

strengthening India-Singapore relations through education, research, and innovation-driven partnerships.

Gyan Varsha

Indian Institute of Management Raipur (IIM Raipur) hosted the 22nd edition of its distinguished intellectual forum, "Gyan Varsha, presenting st: Rockstars of India," on August 2nd, 2025, welcoming Shri Anuj Sharma, Member of Legislative Assembly, Chhattisgarh, and a pioneering figure in Chhattisgarhi cinema and music. With a career that spans acting, music direction, leadership, and public service, he inspired students with his unique blend of storytelling, grounded wisdom, and indomitable spirit.





The session commenced with a traditional "Jai Johar" welcome, bouquet presentation, and a warm introduction by Prof. Sanjeev Prashar, Director-in-Charge, IIM Raipur, who extended his heartfelt gratitude to Shri Anuj, who also holds the honour of being the first Chhattisgarhi actor to receive the Padma Shri award, along with accolades.

Reflecting on India's cultural psyche, he humorously yet insightfully remarked that four things influence the Indian mind the most: religion, politics, cinema, and cricket. Drawing from personal anecdotes, he touched upon his debut film "Mor Chhainha Bhuinya," which was released just three days before the formation of Chhattisgarh and became a blockbuster despite launching alongside bigbudget cinema. Today, with its impactful contribution, the Chhattisgarhi film industry has grown to over 300 films, winning National Awards and recognitions in just 25 years, despite small budgets and limited markets.

Shri Anuj encouraged students to see failure not as a stop but a step. Quoting Swami Vivekananda, he said, "When you fail in your final attempt, try once more." He also reflected on the importance of uniqueness and self-belief. "The only thing exclusive to me is ME," he said, emphasizing that passion and consistent effort outweigh talent alone. He also highlighted how diversifying into playback singing, anchoring, radio jockeying, social media, and finally politics helped him expand his impact: what he termed his "Gola Badhana" (circle expansion) strategy.

The institute is honored to have hosted such a visionary who epitomizes the spirit of creativity, courage, and cultural pride. His enlightening lecture reinforced within the students of IIM Raipur the mantra that as future leaders of India@2047, it will be excellence not conformity that will define their legacy.

IIM Raipur successfully concludes Two-day Management Development Program (MDP) on "Project Management & Execution"

The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur recently and successfully concluded a two-day Management Development Program (MDP) on "Project Management & Execution" for the Foundation of Ecological Security (FES). The program was tailored to meet the specific developmental needs of mid-level professionals working in ecological and community-driven projects.

The program offered an intensive curriculum including themes such as strategic-to-operational planning, modern project management frameworks tailored for the NGO sector, critical chain thinking, financial planning in grant-funded projects, stakeholder management, project scheduling, and conflict resolution. Sessions were conducted by distinguished faculty members, Prof. Jagrook Dawra (Strategic Planning), Prof. M. Ramkumar (Project Lifecycle and Delays), Prof. Ranjan Dasgupta (Project Finance), Prof. Rajeev A. (Time and Cost Estimation), Prof. Parikshit Charan (Monitoring & Control), Prof. Ritu Gupta (Stakeholder Communication), Prof. Archana Parashar (Negotiation & Conflict Management).

The program concluded with a valedictory ceremony, graced by Prof. Sanjeev Prashar, Director-in-Charge, IIM Raipur. He commended the collaborative spirit of FES and appreciated the institute's engagement in building capacity for ecological sustainability. The session also featured reflections by the Program Directors, followed by certificate distribution and a vote of thanks.

This program highlights IIM Raipur's ongoing commitment to developing socially conscious leadership and strengthening the capabilities of institutions working at the intersection of ecology and community development.





Academic Orientation of Senior Management Program Batch 4



IIM Raipur inaugurated the fourth batch of its Senior Management Program, enrolling 38 senior professionals. The cohort brings an average of 14.7 years of experience from diverse sectors like IT, banking, and manufacturing. The one-year blended program combines live online sessions with oncampus and international immersions.

It is designed to develop strategic leadership capabilities and prepare participants for CXO-level roles. The academic orientation introduced the curriculum's focus areas, including digital transformation,

innovation, and modern business functions. Participants were briefed on the program's structure, expectations, and transition from functional to visionary leadership. The session was presided over by Prof. Sanjeev Prashar, Program Director, who welcomed the new batch. Prof. Satya Siba Das, Dean (External Relations), and Prof. Indirah Indibara, Chairperson (E-Learning Committee), addressed the participants. Program faculty, including Prof. Jithesh A, Prof. Smriti Pande, and Prof. Mohd. Shadab Danish also shared insights on upcoming modules. The orientation marked a significant step in IIM Raipur's ongoing commitment to executive education and leadership development.

The Leadership at Peak, Batch-2 program was inaugurated on 23rd August 2025 at the campus. The program has 16 participants (15 registered + 1 complimentary), with an average of 20 years of work experience.



Campus Immersion and Academic Orientation Report of Leadership at Peak, Batch-2

The inauguration was led by Prof. Umesh Sharraf and Prof. Suneetha Saggurthi, the Program Directors. The two-day campus immersion (23–24 August) began with a formal welcome and program overview. Participants were introduced to the curriculum, pedagogy, and assessment methods during academic orientation Sessions focused on leadership visioning, strategic thinking, and self-assessment exercises.



Interactive activities encouraged peer learning and networking among senior professionals. Participants shared insights from their careers, enriching the learning environment. Faculty addressed queries and set expectations for the learning journey ahead. The immersion concluded with a strong sense of engagement and commitment to growth.

Event

SPIC MACAY

The Indian Institute of Management Raipur successfully organized a three-day cultural celebration featuring four enriching workshops and culminating in collaboration with Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth. students and art enthusiasts had the rare opportunity to engage in hands-on learning with celebrated masters: Manimala Chitrakar Ji – Kalighat Painting, Purna Chandra Moharana Ji – Orissa Pata Chitra, Madhulita Mohapatra Ji – Odissi Dance, Bhuvanesh Komkali Ji – Hindustani Vocal.



HAR GHAR TIRANGA

The IIM Raipur's Students' Affairs Committee organized a heartfelt "Har Ghar Tiranga" event, aligning with the Government of India's nationwide campaign to instill patriotism and national pride among citizens. The campus buzzed with activity as students, faculty, and staff assembled across various spots to mark this significant initiative. Participants joyfully posed with the Tiranga (Indian national flag)—capturing photos that reflected their deep respect and love for the country.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

The 79th Independence Day of India was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotism at IIM Raipur. The event aimed to honor the spirit of freedom and reflect on our nation's journey towards progress. The theme for this year was "Naya Bharat," captures the vision of developing India as a prosperous, self-sufficient, and secure nation by 2047.

The 79th Independence Day celebration at IIM Raipur was marked by a series of well-coordinated activities that honoured the spirit of patriotism The event began with the ceremonial guard inspection by Professor Sanjeev Parashar, Director-in-Charge of IIM Raipur, followed by the flag hoisting ceremony where all attendees stood to honour the national flag, culminating in the singing of the National Anthem.





ANTI RAGGING

The Anti-Ragging Session was conducted over three days, from 12th to 14th August 2025, at the MADAI Auditorium, IIM Raipur. The session was attended by 150 students from various batches. The primary objective was to educate students about the dangers of ragging, the legal implications, and the support systems in place to prevent and address ragging incidents.





NASHA MUKTI

The Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyaan Session was conducted over two days, from 15th to 16th August 2025, at Gyaan Shila, IIM Raipur. The session was attended by MBA batch 25-27. The primary objective was to educate students about the perils of poisoning, the legal implications, and the support systems in place to prevent serious health repercussions.





AARAMBH

IIM Raipur celebrated National Sports Day 2025, honouring hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand, with its four-day sporting event *AARAMBH*. Held on 25th, 26th, 27th, and 29th August, the tournament featured spirited contests in Cricket, Badminton, Volleyball, Swimming, and Squash.

Faculty, MBA (2025–27), and PGP (2024–26) students participated, with around 70–80 players competing and 120–150 spectators cheering across the matches. Faculty members, students, administration staff, and Ph.D. scholars showcased their competitive spirit, strengthening bonds within the campus community.

The winners' tally saw PGP (2024–26) clinch Badminton and Cricket, Faculty triumph in Squash and Swimming, while MBA (2025–27) lifted the Volleyball title.

The event concluded with a closing ceremony on 29th August, symbolizing unity, teamwork, and fitness. AARAMBH 2025 stood as a tribute to sportsmanship and community spirit at IIM Raipur.

PGP 2024-2026 was the overall winner of AARAMBH 25.

On the Final day the AARAMBH 25 trophy was awarded to PGP 2024-2026 by Chittaranjan Sahu sir and Santanu Bhadra sir who were the guests of honor.





Executive Education and Consultancy

S. No.	Course Title	Commenced From & End	No. of Participant	Programme Faculty Dr. / Prof.
1	Management Development Program on "Project Management &	19th to 20th August 2025	24	Prof. Jagrook Dawra (PD)
	Execution" for Foundation of Ecological Security (FES)			Prof. Ramkumar M (PD)
2	Leadership Development Journey- HANSA 3.0, Batch-I (Phase-I) for Early Career Officers of Indian Oil Corporation	29th August to 10th September 2025	25	Prof. Satyasiba Das (PD)

Management Development Program on "Project Management & Execution" for Foundation of Ecological Security (FES)



Leadership Development Journey-HANSA 3.0, Batch-I (Phase-I) for Early Career Officers of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)









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