

'NEP aims at making nation a global knowledge superpower'

■ IIM, Raipur welcomes 11th batch of PGP, 9th batch of FPM and e-inaugural of academic faculty building

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INDIAN Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur welcomed its 11th Batch of Post Graduate Programme in Management and 9th Batch of Fellow Programme in Management on August 18, 2020.

Union Minister of Education Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' welcomed the students and inaugurated the grand new faculty building as well as the academic building of IIM, Raipur. He showcased great admiration for the emphasis the institute places on life-long learning and development, positive engagement with the community, and developing leadership skills; qualities that will positively impact our community and the country. He mentioned that the new National Education Policy (NEP, 2020) is also a step into this direction. The NEP 2020 aims at making our nation a global knowledge superpower by transforming the curricular and pedagogical structure of education. It also emphasises the integration of technology in all levels of learning. He explained how the government aspires to increase the gross enrolment ratio in higher education to 50% by 2035 where institutions like IIMs will also rise to the occasion and contribute significantly to



Union Minister of Education Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', IIM Raipur Board of Governors Chairperson Shyamala Gopinath, MP Sunil Soni and others addressing the students during orientation programme.

achieve these policy objectives set by the Government.

Shyamala Gopinath, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIM Raipur, mentioned in detail about the progress of IIM Raipur's flagship programme PGP (now MBA). She also mentioned that fee for PGP in IIM Raipur is lowest among the other contemporary IIMs that started in the year 2010. Despite this lowest fee among the contemporary institutions, IIM, Raipur has already become self-sufficient with respect to its operating expenses since 2018 resonating the true meaning of AatmaNirbhar Bharat.

The orientation programme on August 18

started with an interaction with the Dean Academics, Prof Sanjeev Prashar and PGP Chairperson, Prof Sumeet Gupta, elucidated on the academic rigour at IIM Raipur and talked about the importance of hands-on learning and discipline. Prof M Kannadhasan, Chairman Admissions also addressed the students. This was followed by an address by Prof. Sumeet Gupta, the PGP chairperson who welcomed the 11th batch of PGP and the 9th batch of FPM students by the FPM Chairperson, Prof. Pradyumna Dash. To enlighten the new and incoming batch of the cultural pillars of IIM Raipur, Dean Sanjeev Parashar, reiterated the Indian roots and values.

Prof Satyasiba Das, Chairman of Placement and Corporate Relations and Chairman of International Relations talked about the giant strides IIM, Raipur. Prof PRS Sarma, Chairperson student affairs and Prof R K Jana, Chief hostel warden and Col (Dr) Harinder Tripathi (Retd) interacted with the students. This was followed by a brief session with Prof Samar Singh, Chairman - Anti Ragging Committee who talked about the institute's zero-tolerance policy with regards to ragging.

This was followed by an address from Archana Parashar, Chairman of an internal committee on prevention of sexual harassment at workplace.

She elaborated on the need for this committee and how it functions to create the safest possible environment for women at IIM, Raipur.