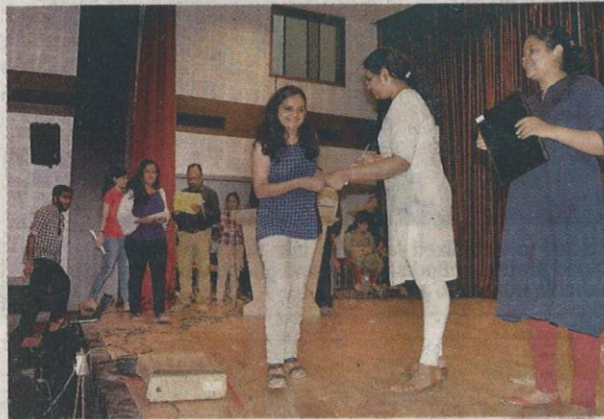


7th convocation ceremony of IIM Raipur today



Students taking part in the rehearsal on Monday for the 7th convocation ceremony of IIM- Raipur to be held on Tuesday.

- **Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to be chief guest**
- **Rehearsal held for students**

Raipur, Apr 09:

IIM Raipur's seventh Annual Convocation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, 10th April, 2018 at GEC Campus, IIM Raipur. The convocation ceremony is a symbolic event that represents all of the hard work and accomplishments that the students have partaken in to earn their status as a graduate from one of the premier B-schools of India. Rehearsal for the final showdown was held at GEC Campus on Monday and students were given necessary in-

structions for the convocation ceremony.

The Chief Guest for the occasion will be Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Defence Minister of India. The event will also be graced by eminent personalities like Dr. Raman Singh, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh; Shyamala Gopinath, Chairperson, Board of Governors and Prof. Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM Raipur.

Nirmala Sitharaman is a senior politician and is currently serving as the Defence Minister of India, being only the second woman after former PM late Indira Gandhi to hold the post. Sitharaman has a Master's degree in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi. She is also a



Nirmala Sitharaman

member of the Rajya Sabha for Karnataka region. Formerly, she served as the Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs under the Ministry of Finance and the Minister for Commerce and Industry. Prior to that, she also served as the national spokesperson for the Bharatiya Janata Party. Sitharaman also served as member of the National Commission for Women (NCW) from 2003 to 2005. Her presence at the convocation will be a moment that will be remembered and cherished by the students.

Dr. Raman Singh, Chief Minister of the State of Chhattisgarh, who will also preside over the event is a visionary leader and his vision

for growth has reached to masses in the State. Dr. Raman Singh has been a pillar of strength and has given invaluable support to the development of the Institute.

The graduating students include 147 students from the Post Graduate Program-2016-18 batch; 49 students from the Post Graduate Program-2015-17 batch; 10 students from the Post Graduate Program for working executives-2016-18 batch and 8 students from the Fellow program in Management.

As the date of the 7th Annual Convocation approaches, the Director of IIM Raipur, Prof. Bharat Bhasker, is of firm opinion, "Our students are our brand ambassadors. They will go out into the world with the learning they acquired here at IIM Raipur and will make us proud with their contributions and achievements."