

147 students get degrees at 7th IIM-R convocation

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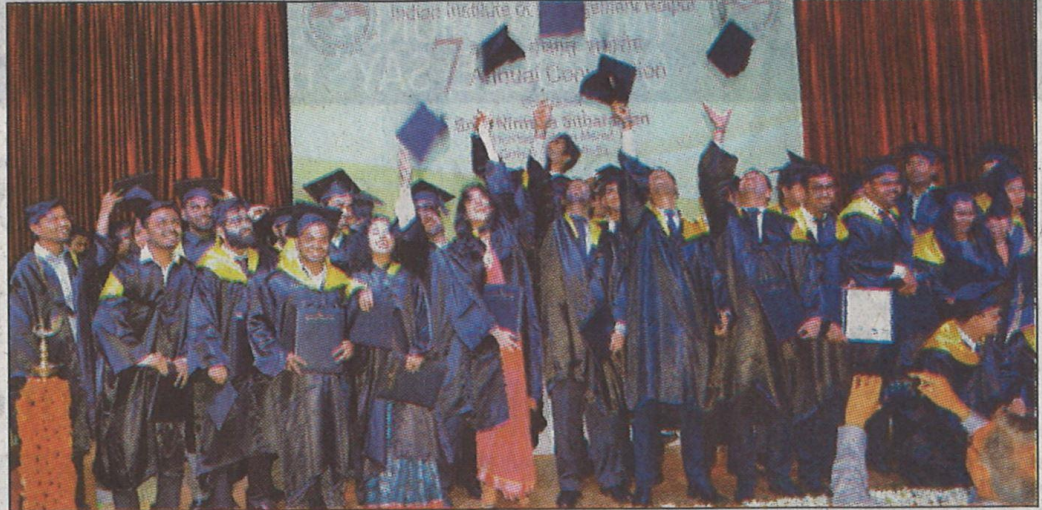
Parth Sarthi Excels, Bags Gold Medal

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Raipur: Indian Institute of Management, Raipur (IIM-R) on its seventh annual convocation ceremony awarded degrees to 147 students of the 2016-2018 post-graduate program.

Union defence minister Nirmala Sitharaman was the chief guest and chief minister Dr Raman Singh was the guest of honour at the event held at the campus on Tuesday. Chairperson, board of Governors of IIM-R, Shyamala Gopinath and director, IIM-R Prof. Bharat Bhasker hosted the event. 49 students of the post-graduate program 2015-17 batch, 10 students from post-graduate program for working executives 2016-18 (PGPWE) batch and eight students from the fellow program in management were awarded certificates during the ceremony.

Donning a black gown and mortarboard, the students came together one last time to celebrate their accomplishments after two years of hard work. Sitharaman applauded the institute for its "futuristic programme where students are awarded for academic performance". She expressed her pleasure over the fact that the institute encourages wo-



(Above) 2018 graduating class of IIM-Raipur. (Below) Defence minister Nirmala Sitharama and chief minister Raman Singh lighting the ceremonial lamp during the convocation

men participation as well as of the students who come from various academic backgrounds.

Addressing the students, she said that during this challenging time of global churning, there are a lot of conflicting ideologies. She cited how a socialist country like China is opening up its economy and countries like the US are becoming more and more pro-

tectionist. The defence minister called on the "young, well trained and imaginative minds of IIM Raipur" to come forward in the areas of public administration and local village reformation.

The chief minister in his address asked the students to be fearless. Quoting from his experience of managing the state, he advised the students not to be disappointed by fai-

lures but to analyse them and learn from them. Speaking on the occasion, Shyamala Gopinath called upon the moral and ethical values of the students, asking them to be responsible citizens, whether as an employee or in an entrepreneurial role. Earlier, Prof. Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM Raipur congratulating the students and faculty members, enumerated their various achievements. He applauded the eight fellowship students, entrusting them the responsibility of becoming excellent researchers and teachers. He urged them to dream, but also to take actions to make them possible.

The gold medal for overall performance was awarded to Parth Sarthi Sahoo. Sai Dayitva Gaur, Garima Bisht, Yash Wardhan and Prateek Garg were also awarded gold medals. The gold medal for PGPWE was awarded to Jaya Gupta.