

Students exposed to corporate world on final day of orientation

■ Staff Reporter
RAIPUR, June 24

THE second and final day of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur's orientation programme exposed the newly admitted students to the corporate world they would step in two years from now. The students of the 9th batch of Post Graduate Programme in Management and 7th Batch of Fellow Programme in Management got an opportunity to interact with the experts from academia and industry and gained insights that would help them in the course of the next two years.

For making students familiar with the current expectations of the corporates from budding managers, a Panel Discussion on 'Relevance of Management Education in creating competitive advantage in Indian Industry' was organised. The students were privileged to have inputs from the panel which included John K John, V P (L&D), Reliance



Panel of guests addressing the students as one of the students asking some questions during the final day of the orientation programme.

Industries Limited; Sandeep Jain, V P, Bank of America (Merrill Lynch); Saurabh Sharma, Senior Manager, Talent Acquisition, Ericsson and Dhananjay Singh, DG, National HRD Network.

The discussion was opened by Dhananjay Singh, DG, National HRD Network, who addressed the students by saying that there is nothing that cannot be achieved if they put their mind to it. "All youngsters present are extremely talented and will serve not only nationally but globally", said Singh.

John enlightened the students about individuals having multiple areas of intelligence.

Sandeep Jain said, "Technology is disrupting almost every field. WhatsApp's valuation is more than all of print media".

Saurabh Sharma said, "Whatever we have built is changing very fast, and students need to keep up with it. They need to compete at a global level".

Sana, Senior Project Delivery Executive, WIPRO and alumna of IIM Raipur, asked the students to stay prepared, and said that every



moment at college would add huge value later.

Vijay Lancy, CEO, Prakash Padukone Sports Academy, said "MBA introduces to a lot of things you haven't done earlier. It shouldn't just be a degree. Students should have multiple takeaways from the degree".

Manmohan Bhutani, Director on the Board of ACS, enlightened the students about the need to change and adapt. "Work on your weaknesses and make them your strengths. Focus on learning from peers", said Bhutani.

Post lunch, the second panel discussion on 'Trends to watch for in the Indian Industry' was organised.

The panel consisted of esteemed members which included Harjeet Khanduja, V P (HR), Reliance Jio; Abhay Kapoor, Head HR (North India), Amazon and Ranganathan Bharathwaj Senior Director, Capgemini. The discussion was moderated by Manmohan Bhutani, Director on the Board of ACS.

Abhay Kapoor, Head HR (North India), Amazon stated that

though manufacturing is the backbone of any organisation, today people know who delivers but not who manufactures. He suggested that utilizing millennials for growth of an organisation is the way forward.

Bharathwaj Ranganathan, Senior Director, Capgemini said "Dependence of people in organisations is reducing for mundane tasks. Transactional work is being robotized. What will remain is people who understand the nuances of business".

Khanduja said that organisations change according to change in society. People today are spoilt with choices and want independence. "Technology will not change the future, but human touch and thought process will. Machines come with manuals, people don't" said Khanduja.

The two day orientation programme provided valuable insights to the students to prepare them on the onset of a competitive journey in the field of management.

The Hitavada, 25th June 2018, P.4 (City Line)