

IIM Raipur celebrates 70th R-Day with pride and gusto

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Raipur, Jan 27: IIM Raipur celebrated India's 70th Republic day with great fervour and zeal yesterday. The mild showers and the gentle breeze only made the atmosphere more pleasant and soothing for the ceremony. The Director, the faculty members, the students and the non-teaching staff were present in full attendance to celebrate the occasion of national importance.

The day's proceedings commenced ceremoniously with the inspection of the guard of honour by the honourable Director. This was followed by the flag hoisting ceremony. The National Flag swayed in all its splendour and glory as the future torchbearers of our country sang the National Anthem in chorus with an infused sense of patriotism. The atmosphere was charged with patriotic fervour as Prof. Bharat Bhasker, Director of IIM Raipur, came forward to address the august gathering.



Prof Bhasker started off his speech by acknowledging the vast diversity of our Nation. He stated that India is a role model for democracy explaining how democracy is an Indian concept and not a concept borrowed from the west. He then threw light on the fact that Indian economy is progressing at a very fast pace and in a short span of time it can overtake the French economy to become the 6th largest economy in the world. He went on to say that economies are built on talent and pointed out stating various examples that our nation

is abundant with talent especially where technology is involved.

Prof Bhasker then went on to enumerate how the institution overcame several constraints and accomplished a lot in such a short span of time. He thanked the Chhattisgarh State government for its constant support. IIM Raipur now has world class infrastructure in the form of its magnificent new campus. He also pointed out how well the institution is performing on the three main frontiers of any management institution which are aca-

demics, research and executive education.

IIM Raipur is the highest among all the IIMs when it comes to per faculty contribution of research papers. Also, IIM Raipur graduates the maximum number of PhDs among all the new IIMs. When it comes to executive education, IIM Raipur is leading among all the new IIMs. Coming to the academic frontier, IIM Raipur has conducted several round tables, Leadership summits, HR summits and this year it is all set to conduct an International Conference on Digital Economy (ICDE) which is one of the most sought after conferences. IIM Raipur is doing exceedingly well in terms of International Relations as well, sending out as many students as the older IIMs are as part of the student exchange programme.

Prof. Bhasker concluded his speech by encouraging students to cultivate a problem solving ability as they are the ones who are

going to solve the nation's problems in the near future. Following Prof. Bhasker's inspiring talk, the Chairman Student Affairs, Prof. Dhananjay Bapat came forward and showered praise and acknowledged the students for their continuous efforts and hard work towards the progress of the institution.

This was followed by the much awaited part of the program. The students took the stage and enthralled the audience in all their colour and gaiety with their engaging cultural performances. The dances, songs, and musical presentations spurred a repertoire of patriotic memories amongst all the members witnessing them. Youthful management leaders from all parts of the country coming together and putting up such stellar performances in harmony and with such unity only bode well for the future of our motherland. The beautiful morning came to a close in a traditional manner with sweets and refreshments.