

IIM Raipur conducts its 8th Annual Convocation



Rahi Jain receiving the Chairperson's Gold Medal for scholastic performance in academics from the guests. (R) Graduating students of IIM Raipur taking oath during the convocation on Thursday.

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INDIAN Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur graduated a total of 179 students from the 2017-19 batch and 54 students from the 2016-18 batch. In addition to this, 8 PhDs were granted at the 8th Annual Convocation of IIM Raipur on Thursday. The cere-

mony was graced by the presence of eminent personalities Dr Ram Sewak Sharma, Chairman, Telecom Regulation Authority of India (TRAI), who was the chief guest of the event, Shyamala Gopinathan, BoG, Chairperson, IIM Raipur and Prof Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM Raipur.

Dr Sharma's talk inspired the students to face the uncertainties of life. "Life is uncertain and it gets difficult at times, but this is where the opportunities for greatness arise" he said. He enumerated wonderful incidents from his life to drive home the point of doing the things you real-

ly want to do.

He also brought forward another management style called the 'wood pecker' style of management which says that you have to keep trying without giving up hope. Dr Sharma concluded his speech by advising the students to be proud of their backgrounds, be true to themselves as pretending to be someone you are not is only wasteful and useless. "Being yourself implies believing in yourself" he said. He encouraged the students to cultivate love for hard-work as there are no shortcuts to success and ended by saying that all students must

be givers, only then they will be able to not only succeed but succeed by creating a better world.

Shyamala Gopinathan went on to congratulate the students for their achievements and assured them of success in the coming years. She urged the students to serve the nation and their parents as whatever they are today it is because of them.

Earlier, in his address, Prof Bhasker brought to light several accomplishments of the Institute in the Director's report. He enumerated how IIM Raipur has achieved several milestones in a short span of just 9 years. IIM

Raipur has always been an Institution not just for disseminating knowledge but also creating knowledge.

IIM Raipur convocation ceremony also saw gold medals being given away for scholastic performance. Among the Post Graduate Programme (PGP) students, Rahi Jain received the Chairperson's Gold Medal for scholastic performance in academics, Nandini Busireddy received the Director's Gold Medal, Shailja Tiwary received the PGP Chairperson's medal and Sylvester Samuel received the medal for best overall performance.

In the 2017-19 batch of IIM Raipur, of the total 207 students PGP batch, 179 students were graduated and felicitated. The remaining students have gone for the Students Exchange Programme to its partner institutions in different parts of the world to complete their final term. In addition, 54 students from the 7th Batch of PGP 2016-18 were convoked today as they had gone to complete their final term at partner institutions under Students Exchange Programme last year.