

73rd Independence Day celebrations at IIM Raipur

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Raipur, Aug 16: IIM Raipur celebrated India's 73rd Independence Day with zeal and enthusiasm. The faculty, students and staff gathered under the temperate Thursday morning sky and paid their respects to the heroes who made India's freedom a possibility at the stroke of the midnight on 15th August 1947. The day's proceedings began with the inspection of the Guard of Honour by the Director of IIM Raipur, Prof. Bharat Bhasker. The inspection was then followed by unfurling of the tricolour by the Director and the National Anthem.

Following the flag hoisting, Prof. Bhasker took the opportunity to address the students. He started with a brief history of India's independence and remembered the valiant men and women, such as Mahatma Gandhi, Bhagat Singh, Mangal Pandey, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose



and countless others who laid down their lives in providing our country with her independence. He further extended the same courtesy to the soldiers protecting our borders and thanked them for their service. He urged everyone to keep them in their thoughts and prayers.

Prof. Bhasker then proceeded to deliver a powerful address that covered a wide range of topics, from India's past to its future, the people who shaped what India is, and the people who

are going to shape what India is going to be. He stressed on how we have an opportunity to become a 5 trillion-dollar economy by 2024. As India inches towards becoming the 4th country to land on the moon, the contributions of Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, Dr. Homi Jahangir Bhabha and other great scientists must not be forgotten.

Talking about the new campus, Prof. Bharat Bhasker emphasized on the need to develop ourselves and to make this campus

more beautiful. Addressing the faculty of IIM Raipur, he reiterated that as a new campus, we have our own goals to achieve and must work hard to make this institute best in the country. He said teaching and research are the supreme goals and faculty must be the torch bearers in achieving this.

Some of the more impactful points in Prof. Bhasker's rousing speech included how a powerful economy is the new revolution. He then linked it to

how IIM Raipur is on the roadmap to becoming a leader in management studies and in providing competent management professionals who will be shaping India's future. Prof. Bhasker concluded his speech by quoting a famous poem by the late prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, "Aao Milkar Deep Jalayee".

Succeeding the speech, students of IIM Raipur performed singing, dancing and a short drama in the memory of our forgotten heroes of Kargil War namely Captain Vikram Batra, Captain Vijyanth Thapar and Captain Saurabh Kalia. Following the morning's programme, to stir up the moral and ethical conscience of the students, IIM Raipur's CSR club, Kartavya, held an oath-taking ceremony. The oath-taking ceremony, Pratigya, was met with a rapturous reception and concluded the day's proceedings with distribution of sweets.