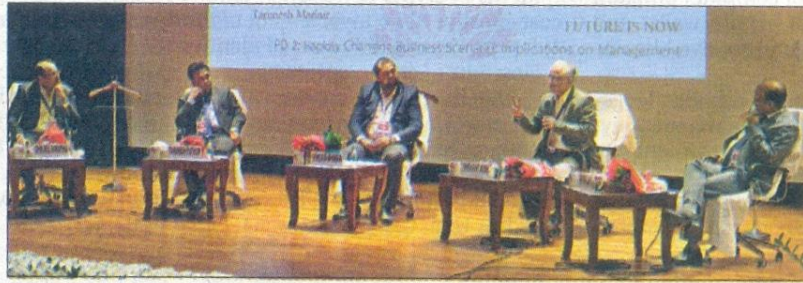


Industry stalwarts share their views at IIM Raipur's Leadership Summit 2019



(Left) AIIMS Director Professor (Dr) Nitin M Nagarkar and IIM Raipur Director Dr Bharat Bhasker lighting the lamp to inaugurate Leadership Summit on Saturday. (Above) A Panel Discussion in progress on the first day of the Summit on Saturday.

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TWO-DAY flagship Industry Interaction event, 'Leadership Summit 2019: A Journey to Future' of IIM Raipur began on Saturday with great enthusiasm. The theme of the event is 'Future is Now'. It aims to provide a unique platform to the industry experts and the students to interact and discuss key ideas which would help the upcoming management professionals in tackling future challenges in a proficient manner.

Dr Satyasiba Das, Chairman Corporate Relations, IIM Raipur initiated the summit with an introduction. Dr Bharat Bhasker, Director IIM Raipur, then proceeded with a welcome address for the dignitaries.

The welcome address was followed by a speech from Prof (Dr) Nitin M Nagarkar, Director, AIIMS Raipur, who graced the summit as the Chief guest. He talked about the fast-paced development that our country is witnessing and the huge amount of potential that still needs to be tapped. He also explained how the new markets in countries like Africa are opening up and creating a lot of demand which is a huge unexploited opportunity for future business leaders. The welcome address was followed by panel discussions. The first panel discussion saw insights on the top-

ic 'Leadership with a Digital Mindset' which was moderated by Sameer Dhanrajani, Chief Strategy Officer, Fractal Analytics.

Rakesh Singhania, CFO, Wells Fargo, highlighted the fact that banking sector is getting disrupted the most and spoke about how people are willing to take risks while starting a new company. Shumila Shah, Country Head, Talent Management and Employee Development, Asahi India Glass Ltd, provided her inputs regarding the mega shift in the mindsets of people.

Sameer Mathur, Senior Principal, Accenture Strategy, talked about the importance of human element to business decisions. Angira Agrawal, Senior VP Enterprise, Vodafone Idea Ltd, referred to the increasing advent of Internet of Things in our daily lives and how the disruptions in the industry are there to stay.

The second panel discussion on the topic 'Rapidly Changing Business Scenario: Implications for Management Graduates' was moderated by Vikas Bissa, Head - Marketing, Raymond Limited. Shrikant Joshi, MD and CEO, L&T Realty, talked about the implications of policies and social media on the disruption in the real estate and how the traditional business models are being challenged.

Abhishek Gupta, CMO, Edelweiss

Tokio Life Insurance, highlighted the competitive nature of the insurance sector and the key challenges that the industry faces.

Tarunesh Mathur, Head of Business Operations, Schindler Group, spoke about how the social media has made the customers more informed and empowered them.

Dhruvil Sorathia, Former Group Chief Marketing Officer, Apollo Health and Lifestyle Ltd., had a positive outlook towards the health industry.

The last panel discussed on the topic - 'Business Beyond Business - Importance of Social Implication' and Sarita Bahl, CGH - South Asia, Communications & Public Affairs, Bayer Group India, opened the discussion and talked about the importance of Corporate Social Responsibility.

Dr Akhil Prasad - Director, Country Counsel India and CS, Boeing India Services, highlighted how the social responsibility should be a part of the vision and mission of any organization.

Ashwani Acharya, Business Head, InterGlobe Enterprises - CSTPL, spoke about the companies realizing the importance of contributing to the society. Dr Murali Padmanabhan, Sr V-P - Global Head Talent Development, Virtusa, debunked the myth that profitability cannot be achieved while being socially responsible.