

IIM Raipur hosts Leadership Summit 2019

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Raipur, Aug 24: Indian Institute of Management, Raipur (IIM-R) launched its flagship Industry Interaction event, "Leadership Summit 2019: A Journey to Future" on Saturday with great enthusiasm. The theme of the event is 'Future is Now'. Thirty leading industry stalwarts will be sharing their experience and knowledge over a span of two days. 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. Bharat Bhasker, Director IIM Raipur in his welcome address emphasized on the importance of "Disruption" which can be brought about by converting challenges to opportunities. He reiterated the need to train and develop new kind of business leaders and empower them to lead the world to a better future. 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. The welcome address was followed by panel discussions. The first panel discussion saw insights on the topic 'Leadership with a Digital Mindset' which was moderated by Sameer Mathur, Senior Principal, Accenture Strategy, talked about the importance of human element to business decisions. He reiterated the significance of out of the box thinking to have a differentiating factor.

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. He also mentioned 'adaptability' as the critical skill required to succeed in today's dynamic world.

The second panel discussion on the topic 'Rapidly Changing Business

Development, Asahi India Glass Ltd, provided her inputs regarding the megashift in the mindsets of people. She spoke about the role online classrooms play in this virtual world.

Scenario: Implications for Management Graduates' was moderated by Vikas Bissa, Head - Marketing, Raymond Limited. He talked about the importance of innovation and exploration of ideas being the key to sustain in today's world. Shrikant Joshi, MD & 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. He also emphasized on the importance of culture, values and belief of an organization.

Tarunesh Mathur, Head of Business Operations, Schindler Group, spoke

about how the social media has made the customers more informed and empowered them. He stressed that the leaders of tomorrow need to be adaptable and open-minded.

Dhrumil Sorathia, Former Group Chief Marketing Officer, Apollo Health and Lifestyle Ltd., had a positive outlook towards the health industry. He talked about the importance of analytics and how it is enabling to predict diseases and proper diagnosis. The last panel discussed on the topic - 'Business Beyond Business - Importance of Social Implication' and Ms. Sarita Bahl, CGH - South Asia, Communications & Public Affairs, Bayer Group India, opened the discussion and talked about the importance of Corporate Social Responsibility. Dr. Murali Padmanabhan, Sr. VP - Global Head Talent Development, Virtusa, debunked the myth that profitability cannot be achieved while being socially responsible. He reiterated that to be sustainable, organizations need to be more than their profits and look for holistic development.