

IIM Raipur conducts 6th Annual Convocation



Glimpses of 6th Annual Convocation of IIM Raipur held on Friday.

(Pics by Manoj Dewangan)

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AFTER two years of gruelling curriculum, countless presentations and a bag full of memories, the students of the 6th batch of IIM Raipur donned the graduation robes here on Friday. The occasion was 6th Annual Convocation Ceremony of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur for the batches of Post Graduate Programme (PGP) 2015-17, PGP 2014-16, PGPWE and FPM on May 5, 2017 at its campus.

Chief Minister Dr. Raman Singh graced the event as the chief guest, whereas other eminent personalities like Shyamala Gopinath, Chairperson, Board of Governors (BOG) IIM Raipur and Prof. Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM Raipur were also present at the ceremony.

Dr. Raman Singh on the occasion expressed, "It's a golden moment in the history of Chhattisgarh State. I have been a part of IIM Raipur's journey since its inception. I remember in 2010, when we got the approval to establish IIM Raipur. Today, I feel similar to how a gardener

feels when he sees his flowers blossoming. IIM Raipur was started with a mission and will certainly achieve it, given its pace of growth."

Congratulating the student on the occasion, Dr Singh encouraged students to contribute to the society by instilling a sense of Social Entrepreneurship. In his parting shot, the Chief Minister assured the IIM Raipur Director for smooth supply of power and water in their new campus.

Earlier, Shyamala Gopinath, the Chairperson, (BOG) IIM Raipur welcomed the guests and congratulated the students on successfully completing the program. She also underscored that IIM Raipur provides an enabling environment for nurturing talent, excellence and innovation through global tie-ups which have given the students and faculty the much needed opportunities for sharing experiences and adopting the best international practices.

At the outset, building on the achievements of IIM Raipur, Prof. Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM Raipur presented the Director's report. He further said that the

students of the outgoing batches proved themselves not only in academics, but also won several accolades in extracurricular activities. "Some of the achievements included winning case study, business plan, competitions held by Yes Bank, DMS Delhi, IIM Calcutta, IIM Lucknow, CFA Challenge, Tata Crucible quiz, RBI, etc," he elaborated.

Hereafter, the convocation ceremony saw gold medals being given away for scholastic performance by the Chief Minister wherein PGP students Mohit Jethi received the Chairperson's Gold Medal for scholastic performance in academics. Apropos, Rahul Ranjan received the Director's Gold Medal, whereas Shubham Bawa received the PGP Chairman's Gold medal.

Alike, for Post Graduate Programme in Management for Working Executive (PGPWE) batch, Umesh Malayath received Chairperson's gold medal. Similarly, Pranav Kumar of batch PGP 2014-16 also received his Gold Medal this year as he was a part of the foreign exchange program last year.

During the ceremony, all the

students of Post Graduate Programme (PGP) and Post Graduate Programme in Management for Working Executive (PGPWE) received their diplomas from the Chairman Board of Governors, IIM Raipur. The students walked the aisle wearing impressive ceremonious gowns as they start their new journey.

The exuberance among the students of the graduating batch was a treat for the eyes. The campus was a scene of festivities, happy faces and emotional moments with farewell parties, group photos, selfies, and celebrations adding to the mood. Family members exchanged notes of the success of their wards and immensely enjoyed the graduation ceremony.

Chairman's Gold Medal & Best Student Award



Mohit Jethi, son of Nirdosh Kumar Jethi and Snehlata Jethi, is the recipient of the highest academic hon-

our of IIM Raipur's PGP. He joined IIM Raipur in 2015-17. He shall be joining TVS Motor Company as a Brand Manager after stepping out of the institute.

Director's Gold Medal



Rahul Ranjan, son of Anil Kumar Sinha and Shashi Prabha, is the recipient of the Director's Gold Medal for outstanding academic performance in IIM Raipur's PGP. He joined IIM Raipur in 2015-17. He shall be joining Group M, World's Largest Advertising Company, as a Leadership Trainee.

PGP Chairman's Gold Medal



Shubham Bawa, son of Dr. Ritu Bawa and Late Dr. Manmohan Bawa, is the recipient of the PGP Chairman's Gold Medal for outstanding academic performance in IIM Raipur's PGP. He joined IIM Raipur in 2015-17. He shall be joining Tafe as a Management Trainee.

Gold Medallist PGP 2014-16



Pranav Kumar, son of Dr Rajnish Kumar Gupta and Mrs. Rita Gupta, is the recipient of the Chairman's Gold Medal for outstanding academic performance in IIM Raipur's PGP in batch 2014-16. He joined IIM Raipur in 2015-17. He is a Marketing Manager in Tata Steel.

Chairman's Gold Medal PGPWE



Umesh Malayath, son of Vijayan Malayath and Uma Malayath, is the recipient of the IIM Raipur's Chairman's Gold Medal for outstanding academic performance in PGPWE. Currently he is working with SAIL, BSP, as an Assistant Manager.

Experiences of other outgoing students

Piyush Gaurav

"The biggest value addition of my IIM journey was the peer learning among batch mates. Late night discussions on topics ranging from economics, business ideas, politics and everything else under the sun were enriching."

Ritisha Choudhary

"When I had embarked on my MBA journey at IIM Raipur, never had I known that it would be a lifetime experience for me at this place along with the passionate people that I have come across."

Ajay Singla

"The two years journey transformed me completely from a naive kid to a consummate professional. I could never imagine myself shaking hands with the then RBI Governor or sharing dining table with some MD and CEO. Today I say Goodbye to this prestigious institute."

Sidharth Sachdeva

"These 2 years offered me an impeccable blend of learning, and integration of enduring principles. The biggest take away from this place is the ability to structure my thoughts"