

## IIM Raipur's Prof. Bharat Bhasker Receives Best Director of Business School Award



Prof. Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM Raipur was awarded the prestigious Best Director of Business School Award at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual conference of Indian Subcontinent Decision Sciences Institute (ISDSI). This award was given to Prof. Bhasker for exemplary leadership displayed by him as Director, IIM Raipur.

Prof. Bhasker has been serving IIM Raipur as the Director since March 2017 and has taken the institute to new achievements since then. He has featured prominently as the face of the institute and contributed greatly to its visibility, strengthening its reputation as one of the premier B-schools in India. The Institute successfully completed the construction of its own campus under his leadership in record time. The new campus, built over 200 acres became operational this year. "The campus construction is the first step in making IIM Raipur a world class Institute", said Prof. Bhasker. It is Prof. Bhasker's vision to take IIM Raipur to new heights of academic excellence and research, "We shall now focus on high quality of academics and enriching the field of management by high impact, world-class research". Reiterating the Institute's commitment of 'Global outlook with regional focus',

Prof. Bhasker also informed the audience on how IIM Raipur is working towards regional growth and progress as well. “We are also committed to contributing towards the growth and development of the state of Chhattisgarh. We understand that a fast growing state requires highly trained managers and with this in mind we have launched a part-time Post-graduate Programme in Management for working executives (PGPMWE)”. The PGPMWE program is weekend program aimed at training working managers of the state in the art and science of Management.

Prof. Bhasker completed his B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering from IIT Roorkee in 1980. He received his Ph.D. in Computer Science from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1992, and he joined the education sector shortly afterwards in 1996 by joining IIM Lucknow. Prof. Bhasker was with IIM Lucknow for 23 years, where he was the Chairman of the IT and Systems Management Department. He also served in the capacities of Director and Dean in 2015 and between 2003 and 2005 respectively.

ISDSI, the regional arm of Data Science Institute, is an interdisciplinary organization dedicated to the advancement of the science and practice of education. The ISDSI has been conducting this conference for the last 12 years successively. The theme for this year’s ISDSI Conference was Decision Making in the Digital Age. The main objective of this conference was to provide a platform for academicians, researchers and practitioners to disseminate research, present case studies on the application of tools and techniques and explore cutting-edge ideas, results and share experience with those in attendance.