

# IIM Raipur conducts its 9th and 10th annual convocation

Raipur, Nov 01: Indian Institute of Management Raipur conducted its 9th and 10th annual convocation on 29th October 2021. The event was conducted online and was declared open by Smt. Shyamala Gopinathan, BoG, Chairperson. The session commenced with the lighting of the lamp by Prof. Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM Raipur, Prof. Sumeet Gupta, Chairman PGP, Prof. Sanjeev Parashar, Dean Academics, followed by Saraswati Vandana.

Prof. Bharat Bhasker started his address by welcoming Mrs. Shyamala Gopinath, Chairperson, IIM Raipur. He shared the institute's vision of becoming one of the top B-schools of the world. He shared that IIM Raipur has secured 15th rank in NIRF Ranking 2021 of management institutes and that the institute has begun operations from its new campus and increased its capacity to 263 students per year. He also gave a brief on the placement report.

Over the years since inception, to strengthen its international ties, IIM Raipur has signed a 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MOU) with some of the finest business schools in the world including, Grenoble Ecole de



Management, France; IESEG School of Management, France; HLL Leipzig Graduate School of Management, Germany; AIT Bangkok, Thailand; ALBA Graduate Business School, Greece; IPADE Business School, Mexico; Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea; University of New Castle, Australia, ESC Troyes, France; Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand and University of Melbourne, Australia to name a few. These MoUs focus on student and faculty exchange programmes, collaborative research publications, organizing joint conferences and academic programmes.

The institute organised major conferences to attract corporate leaders including CIO, CEO level ex-

ecutives. He mentioned that the research is at the very heart of IIM Raipur. 72 high quality journal papers have been published in the last year alone which helped in improved ranking of IIM Raipur in NIRF. IIM Raipur boasts of state-of-the-art network and handicapped friendly campus, with walkways and hallways ready to accommodate needs of specially abled persons.

Prof. Bharat Bhasker concluded his address by thanking the students for their continuous efforts, the parents for their constant guidance and support to the students to help them successfully complete and get through IIM Raipur's rigorous curriculum. Smt. Shyamala Gopinathan, BoG, Chairperson, IIM Raipur appreciated IIM

Raipur for thriving well amidst the disruption and achieving 100 percent placements. She encouraged the students to keep moving forward, leverage digitalization, and solve social challenges through knowledge and innovation.

The institute graduated a total of 181 students from the PGP 2018-20 batch, 264 students from the PGP 2019-21 batch and 51 students from PGP had gone for foreign exchange programs. In addition to this, 9 students graduated in the Fellowship Programme in Management (FPM), 4 students in e-FPM and 30 students in the Post Graduate Program in Management for Working Executives (PGPMWE). The convocation ceremony also saw gold medals being given away for scholastic excellence. Among the Post Graduate Programme (PGP) Batch 2018-20, Akash Kumar received the Chairperson's Gold Medal for scholastic performance in academics, Aditya Khandelwal received the Director's Gold Medal, Himanshu Bhandari received the PGP Chairperson's medal and Ravula Suribabu received the medal for best overall performance.