

Governor exhorts IIM-R graduates to contribute in nation building

IIM RANCHI CELEBRATES ITS 11TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION CEREMONY

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Governor CP Radhakrishnan today advised the Indian Institute of Management Ranchi graduates to be ethical and socially aware professionals, who will contribute to nation building as responsible citizens. Addressing the students during the 11th Convocation Ceremony of IIM-Ranchi as the Chief Guest the Governor congratulated all the students who are privileged to be a graduate of one of the premier management institutions of the country.

Radhakrishnan said to the graduating students that they have a big responsibility ahead to fulfill their as well as their parents' dreams and also serve the nation.

He said that the idea of management education has expanded from merely preparing students for the boardroom to equipping students with life skills to adapt and change for facing new challenges like COVID, global warming, etc, which may emerge in the future. A very encouraging development which has emerged in recent years is a culture of start-ups and entrepreneurship by stu-



Governor CP Radhakrishnan hands over a degree certificate to an IIM Ranchi student during the 11th Convocation ceremony of IIM-R in Ranchi on Saturday. PNS

dents.

"Students right out of college are today ready to take on the world with their innovative ideas. They have the zeal to succeed and solve problems which confront society. Premier business schools of the country have the duty to not only ensure that we have business leaders but also entrepreneurs who can dream and create the next big business venture," he said expressing his happiness that IIM Ranchi has also attempted to create an impact on the quality of life of people in Jharkhand by being

a part of the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship and also the Vandhan programs.

He appreciated IIM Ranchi for setting up 'Birsu Munda Centre for Tribal Affairs' to promote the local culture; 'Atal Bihari Vajpayee Centre on Leadership, Policy and Governance' to promote the growth of future leaders and understanding of public policy and governance; and 'Rekhi Centre of Excellence for the Science of Happiness' to venture into new areas such as research on Happiness.

The 11th Annual Convocation of IIM Ranchi for the batch of 2020-22 was held on Saturday at Swami Vivekanand Auditorium, IIM Ranchi, Prabandhan Nagar, Nayasarai Road, Ranchi. This was the first ever convocation held full-scale in its own permanent campus.

C P Radhakrishnan, Governor of Jharkhand, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered the convocation address. Anand Kripalu, MD and Global CEO of Blackstone - EPL Ltd., was the Guest of Honour. The event had the Chairman and Members, Board of Governor, Director, Faculty, Staff, and the graduating students of IIM Ranchi.

The convocation ceremony started with the Academic Procession, followed by National Anthem and Invocation. Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Director, IIM Ranchi, delivered the Welcome Speech and presented a brief report about the institute.

Prof. Srivastava extended a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, C P Radhakrishnan, Governor of Jharkhand; Guest of Honour, Anand Kripalu, MD and Global CEO of Blackstone - EPL Ltd. and



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Praveen Shankar Pandya, Chairman, Board of

Governors, IIM Ranchi. He shared that the institute has completely shifted to the permanent campus, which has the most modern facilities supported by the digital infrastructure. He said that the importance of campus experience for any educational institute is immense.

He congratulated the students on graduating from one of the top B-Schools and wished them a bright future. He expressed his gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the Board of Governors for their direction and advice, which has helped in giving a

new direction to IIM Ranchi towards academic excellence.

Prof. Srivastava advised the students to spend some time and energy enhancing the lives of those who are less fortunate. God helps you when you help others;

Try to be happy. If you want to be more productive at work, get happy. Research shows happy workers are more productive; Cultivate the Experimental Mindset: It is impossible to predict what will work and what will not. Constant experimentation is necessary. You will learn something new and improve your readiness for the next challenge with each experi-

ment, he said.

During the 11th convocation, degrees were conferred on the graduating students from various programmes. PhD was awarded to one Student, Executive PhD: 2 students, MBA: 254 students, MBA- HRM: 72 students and Executive MBA: 23 students.

Praveen Shankar Pandya, Chairman, Board of Governors IIM Ranchi, greeted the chief guests and congratulated the students. He spoke about the challenges in life and being an inspiration to overcome them. He also discussed the plethora of opportunities available for the current generation in developing India and about having a futuristic perspective to be a step ahead of the competition while keeping in mind the 17 UN goals and charters. He concluded by advising the graduates to start projects and be employment providers rather than employment seekers.

Anand Kripalu, MD and Blackstone - EPL Ltd.'s Global CEO, congratulated the graduating students and their proud parents. He reminisced about his graduation and experience, which "is a comb that nature gives you when you are balding". He

gave five practical lessons and two pieces of advice. One that careers are not sprints; they are marathons. Excellence in the current job is the only thing that prepares you for the next job. How you pick up from downs will determine how far you'll go. Two - Seek out grassroots-level experience. One must get their hands dirty and know how the operating core works to understand the business truly. Three - Have the hunger and desire to make a difference. The difference between the good and the great is the desire to make a difference and those willing to challenge the status quo.

Four - Get comfortable outside your comfort zone. Each experience makes you who you are, and only being open to new experiences and stepping out of one's comfort zone will allow one to learn and grow.

Five - Always leave a legacy. Leave trails of remembrance in whatever small job you do. Make people talk about your legacy long after you are gone.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of Mementos to the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour and the National Anthem.