

ICFAI UNIVERSITY, JHARKHAND'S 3RD BATCH of PhD PROGRAM INAUGURATED Ranchi, June 16, 2014.

Today, 3rd batch of Ph.D. program (Part time) in Management was inaugurated at the ICFAI University, [harkhand (IU])'s Ashok Nagar campus in Ranchi.

Welcoming the third batch of PhD Scholars, Prof. ORS Rao, Vice- Chancellor of the University, highlighted that in line with the focus of the University to create new knowledge by way of research and publications, it has launched PhD program in Management for working professionals in 2012 and has been receiving excellent response from industry and academia. "All of them have been doing research in problem areas relevant to the industry and the society and in particular, Jharkhand" Prof Rao added.

Outlining of the profile of the PhD scholars of third batch, Prof Rao, highlighted that over 60% of the participants for the 3rd batch are from industry and the balance from academics. "While 50% of them are from Ranchi , balance are from cities like Pune, Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai and Patna", added Prof Rao. "The PhD scholars are currently working in oraganisations like British Solutions, Cognizant Technologies, EduHelp (UK), ICICI Bank, Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation, Sanjyme, State Bank of Mysore, SAIL, MP Birla Institute of Management, St Xavier's College, Shiva Shivani Institute of Management, Ranchi College of Pharmacy etc. They have an average experience of 14 years and 15% of the scholars are women", added Prof Rao. "They came from a large diversity of educational backgrounds at UG level, like Engineering, Life Sciences, Law, Psychology, Pharma, IT, Education etc", added Prof Rao.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr AA Khan, Chief Guest and Member, Board of Governors of the University advised the scholars to cultivate a "Questioning mind" and ability to ask the "right" questions. Dr KK Nag, Member, Board of Governors of the University advised the scholars to work hard with a sense of passion. Dr B Prasad, Member, Board of Management of the University asked the students to take up problems, specific to Jharkhand so that they can contribute to the society. Dr B M Singh, Registrar of the University explained that the program was designed suiting the specific requirements of the working professionals. Dr SC Swain explained about the details of the program and plan for course work sessions, that commenced today. Dr Hariharan, Member, Research Board of the University, Prof AS Prasad, Associate Dean(FMS), Prof Madan Prasad, Associate Dean(FST) and other faculty members, staff and dignitaries participated in the function.

About the ICFAI University Jharkhand: The ICFAI University, Jharkhand (IUJ) belongs to the ICFAI University Group (IUG), which pioneered Professional Education in India. IUJ was established under ICFAI University Act, 2006 (Jharkhand Act 08, 2007), which was passed by the State Legislature of Jharkhand and was notified by Government of Jharkhand on 17th June 2008. The University was empowered by UGC vide its letter dated 1st Dec2009 to award degrees under Section 22 of UGC Act, 1956.

IUJ is committed to grooming its students into Competent Professionals, with Good Personal Values and Ethics.IUJ offers a range of vocation oriented Under Graduate and Post Graduate programmes, which include MBA, B Tech, BBA & BCA. It also offers MBA for Working Professionals, for which classes are conducted in the evening. Besides excellent infrastructure like well furnished class rooms, laboratories, workshops and library, Special features of IUJ programs include Contemporary curriculum, Summer Internships with industry, Live projects, Technology Enhanced Learning and Campus placement assistance. IUJ offers fee concessions to students domiciled in Jharkhand, besides merit scholarships to meritorious students.

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