

IIM Sambalpur becomes the first IIM to launch NHRDN chapter



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In a pioneering move to strengthen the synergy between industry and academia, IIM Sambalpur, one of the premier management institutions, in collaboration with the National HRD Network (NHRDN) has announced to establish a new chapter at its Campus in an event in New Delhi. With this initiative, IIM Sambalpur has become the first IIM to have a chapter of NHRDN. The initiative aims to create a landscape for human resource development and thought leadership in India, by providing a platform with 20,000 active members including senior HR professionals, academicians and students to facilitate thought-provoking discussions, promote best practices, and undertake projects that will shape the future of HR practices in the country.

It is important to note that the National HRD Network is one of the most prominent professional organisations in the field of Human Resources and has played a pivotal role in shaping HR practices and policies across various industries. This will be NHRDN's overall 52nd Chapter including 3 international chapters in Singapore, Middle East, Nepal and 9 student chapters; further underscoring its expansive reach and influence. Through this collaboration, IIM Sambalpur aims to bring together the expertise of the HR community with the academic rigour and research-driven approach of a premier management institute.

*On the occasion, **Prof Mahadeo Jaiswal, Director, IIM Sambalpur**, said, "In alignment with our core values and mission to contribute to the development of future-ready HR leaders, our collaboration with the National HRD Network brings together the expertise of the HR community. Through this chapter, we are organising cutting-edge programmes designed to develop visionary leaders equipped with contemporary HR strategies and by promoting collaborative research that bridges academic insights with real-world applications in HR. Our goal is to create a dynamic interface for industry experts and students to collaborate and innovate as well as to host workshops, seminars, and networking events to enhance skills and expand professional connections."*

The programme endeavors to advance the theoretical and practical dimensions of Human Resource Development (HRD) by promoting a comprehensive understanding of its philosophy, processes, and applications through rigorous research, exploration, and continuous knowledge acquisition. It aims to disseminate advanced HRD knowledge among professionals and practitioners, facilitating the exchange of insights and experiences to strengthen the field. Established over 36 years ago, NHRDN is autonomous, not-for-profit professionally managed organisation, playing a catalyst role in grooming Leaders for Tomorrow. It has over 20000 members.

Prem Singh, President, Group HR, JK Organisation was the NHRDN host and Arun Maira; Author and Thought Leader was the chief guests of the event. Dharm Rakshit, HR Head, Hero MotoCorp Ltd; Dr. Aquil Busrai, CEO and Past National President; Harpreet Datta, Group Head COE - Talent Acquisition, GMR Group; RP Singh, Director HR, IFFCO; Sandeep Girotra, Group CHRO, DCM Shriram; Simar Deep Kaur, CHRO, The Max Group; Simin Askari, HR Head, DS Group and Sukhjot Pasricha, Group CHRO, IndiGo were present to grace the occasion.

The IIM Sambalpur-NHRDN Chapter is poised to make a lasting impact by nurturing the next generation of HR leaders and contributing to the overall advancement of HR practices. Together, IIM Sambalpur and NHRDN will drive innovation and excellence in human resource development, setting up new benchmarks for the industry.

Prof. Poonam Kumar, Chairperson, MBA, Working Professional, Delhi Campus, IIM Sambalpur and Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Chief Corporate Relations, IIM Sambalpur along with students were present during the occasion.

About IIM Sambalpur

IIM Sambalpur is one of the premier management institutions in the country and is widely known for its quality education. Spread over approximately 200 acres of land, the breathtaking and spectacular permanent campus of IIM Sambalpur was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, on 3rd February 2024. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone on 2nd January 2021, via video conferencing. Furthermore, the Union Education Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, recently inaugurated the Incubation Centre, I-Hub Foundation, to promote startups and the 'Rangavati Centre of Excellence in Cultural and Sustainable Management'. It also has tie-ups with Flipkart, Amazon, and SIDBI to support, promote and connect regional weavers with global platforms. Equipped with sustainable practices and modernised facilities, the campus values its regional art by mapping the traditional IKAT, patterned textile-dyeing technique onto the brick façade. The institute is committed to providing excellent management education, harbouring a sense of entrepreneurship, and developing socially responsible leaders. IIM Sambalpur is known for its two-year flagship MBA Programme, and admissions are held via CAT. It also offers an MBA for working professionals at the Delhi Centre at ISID, Vasant Kunj, providing options for a dual-degree programme in partnership with French universities. It also offers an MBA in FinTech Management programme for working professionals.

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