Hon'ble MHRD Minister's visit to IIT Guwahati campus

Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank" on Friday visited the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati on 14th February, 2020 and urged its students and researchers to convert India to a strong and vibrant nation in the world.

After reaching the campus, the minister inaugurated the newly constructed Estate Building and the NRL Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Materials and visited its various laboratories. Soon after the inauguration, the hon'ble minister was taken to the senate hall to address the students and teachers. On reaching the senate hall, he was welcomed by the EBSB Club members in a Rajasthani style. Two students dressed in Rajasthani attire welcomed Pokhriyal with great fervour. Followed by that, the EBSB Club members performed a chorus "Padhoro Mahare Desh", a Rajasthani song which literally means "Welcome to my state...". The EBSB club members requested for a group picture to which the Hon'ble Minister humbly agreed and after a brief interaction, the students escorted the Minister to the main podium of the senate hall where he was about to address the students and faculties of IIT-Guwahati.

The meeting began with the Institute Anthem 'Yatra Path Jyotishman', after which the Hon'ble Minister addressed the crowd in the hall. In his address, the Hon'ble Minister appreciated the innovative research done by the students and the faculties members of IIT-Guwahati. He also specifically acknowledged the efforts of the EBSB Club members to welcome him in a Rajasthani style in a different state exhibiting the "Unity in Diversity" spirit of our country.

He stressed upon the fact that we should give priority to 'Make in India' and focus on innovation and research to shine as a strong nation in the world. Pokhriyal punctuated the fact that, "Through hard work we can achieve everything and appealed everyone to revitalise the nation. The Minister also unveiled the eye captivating coffee table-book 'Birds of IIT Guwahati' in presence of Shri Bhabesh Kalita, MoS for education, Govt of Assam, and Prof T G Sitharam, Director of IIT Guwahati. This book is a combined effort of the students, faculty members and staff of IIT Guwahati. Thus, the whole family of IIT-Guwahati was more than happy to welcome the Hon'ble minister and only hoped for more such visits in future.

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<u>Fig(1)</u> <u>Fig(2)</u>

Fig(1)&(2)- The Director of IIT Guwahati welcomes Hon'ble MHD Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank



Fig(3) Hon'ble Minister at the the Senate Hall, IIT-Guwahati



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Fig-(3),(4),(5)- EBSB Club Members welcome Hon'ble Minister in Rajasthani style



Fig-(6) MHRD Minister with the EBSB Club Members of IIT-Guwahati

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Fig-(7) HRD Minister at the dice of the Senate Hall with the Director, IIT-Guwahati



Fig-(8) Hon'ble Minister launching new technology products



Fig-(9)- Hon'ble Minister unveiling the coffee table book "Birds of IIT-Guwahati"



Fig-(10) Fig-(11)

Fig(10),(11)- The Director of IIT-Guwahati presenting sustainable products to the Hon'ble Minister