

## **Guest Lecture at DoBM, TU 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**By**

**Prof. R M Pant, Director NIRDPR, Guwahati**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019 the students of Department of Business Management, Tripura University had been a witness to the aura of one of India's most brilliant minds dedicated to the cause of developmental academics – Prof. R M Pant (MA Economics, MBA, PhD), who presently is the Director of National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Guwahati and has had the privileged experience of having headed NITI Aayog's 'Working group on Shifting Cultivation', being a member of the 'Scientific and Technical Advisory Group' under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Government of India and also teaching Management at the Birla Institute of Technology at Mesra, North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology at Itanagar, National Institute of Foundry and Forge Technology at Ranchi and the Kumaon University at Nainital.

The Guest Lecture on "Management Practices in Modern Era" revolved around the critical management techniques and proficiency which are indispensable for the day. It started with a round of Interaction with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students of MBA and the students of BBA 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, wherein the discussion was concomitant to the future aspirations of the students. Prof.. Pant has provided with some insightful lessons on how to develop Self-Restraint, Self-Discipline, Time Management and Decision-making skills for achieving one's desired goals. He also emphasised on the need to have a firm resolve about individual plans while refraining from the most appealing of distractions to be able to fully focus on and get immersed in striving towards the so coveted objectives. The discourse gradually tilted towards how one can identify the causes of hindrances to the same endeavour and work towards rectification of the same with numerous picturesque lively and even historic examples which are bound to leave everlasting imprints on the minds of who are, according to him going to be the visionary managers and leaders of the future.

A great deal of emphasis was also put on fostering self-confidence, supposed to be the basis for a fruitful professional and managerial future, while also discussing about the optimistic approaches that could be taken in analysing and learning from one's own background and experiences. The talk deeply grasped the attention of the students who were proactively involved in the interactive deciphering of their own personal traits with the corresponding pros and cons obviously by the veteran support of the esteemed speaker.

The students also drew inspiration from the thoughts, deeds and ideas of some revered personalities, from Swami Vivekananda to Mahatma Gandhi which were deftly contextualised within the daily lives and curricula of the management students. It was indeed a feast of an experience for the students who

were but hugely inspired with the firm belief that they were second to none at least in terms of their unique orientations. Such continuous endeavours by the Department of Business Management, Tripura University surely do foster creativity and thought leadership in the young yet ardent minds of the Creative, Compassionate and Confident managers of tomorrow.

Some pictures of the events are enclosed below.

