## **ANNUAL FUNCTION i-Fest 2023**

Annual function celebrated at ICFAI, Raipur with full enthusiasm and perfect blend of modernity and culture. The program started with auspicious lighting of lamp by Chief guest Shri. Rajeshwar Sonkar (President Nagarpalika, Kumhari), Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and other dignitaries. This was followed by traditional of 'Atithi Devo Bhava' by welcoming the guest with a plant signifying greenery and growth. Thereafter the Vice Chancellor presented the Annual Report of 'The ICFAI University, Raipur'. The Annual report covered university's academic and cultural performance and achievements, different programs and internship offer for students, university-industry interface, academic and research achievements of faculties and three International Conference organized by the university with a special mention of three village of Durg and one village of Balod that are adopted by the University in which thirty two gold medals and thirty three silver medals were distributed to the meritorious students.

In his address, the chief guest expressed his gratitude for the invitation and opined that educational institutes are temples of education where parents send their children with a dream that their child will study well and achieve great heights. He extended his help for students when ever they need. Citing examples from government's work for education, Mr.Sonkar emphasized that government is devoted towards education.

'Shiv before shakti', the cultural program started with shiv Vandana followed by remembrance of shakti through Bharatnatyam dance form by K.Pravallika. The function was a real blende of Indian culture as the performances were done on songs from Hollywood, Bollywood, kollywood, pollywood and chholliwood with students dancing to the tune of songs from these industries.Lazy-dance on Bollywood number came as a surprise for audience which they enjoyed a lot. All students set the stage ablaze with their energetic performance. Apart from dance the function also showcased the drama performance on 'phirherapheri' and duet song which mesmerized the audience.

The cultural events were followed by prize distribution for academics and sports events (i-spardha 2022-23). Under sports category, prizes were given for chess, table tennis, arm wrestling, running, long jump, javelin throw, tug of war, kabbadi, volleyball, cricket. All games were organized for boys and girls. Master Gaurav from B.Tech backed the title of player of i-spardha 2023 in boys category and AsthaSidar from BBA in girls category.

A painter paints on the canvas but music paints the soul were the words of anchors who conducted the function beautifully. The program concluded with vote of thanks by Dr.Manish Upadhyay (registrar) who expressed his gratitude towardsguests, audience, organizers and also congratulated the students for their wonderful performance and participation.





















