## **PRESS NOTE**

AIIMS Raipur, an apex healthcare institute of national importance set up by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India completed two years of its existence on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014. On this occasion, the second annual day was celebrated at the Institute.

The Director of the Institute, Dr Nitin M Nagarkar presided over the function. Speaking on the occasion, he first lauded the members of the Project Cell, the faculty members and the students of the Institute for their efforts in bringing the Institute to its present level with a functional medical college, functional nursing college, a running hospital with all diagnostic facilities in this short span of two years. He informed the audience that the Nursing Students Hostel was ready and already in use for accommodating the nursing students as well as the female medical students. Likewise the Boys Hostel is also ready for occupation in the next few days. The modular operation theatres would be ready in the next few weeks as also the CT scan facility which has already been installed and would be open for use in a short while. The chillers for the HVAC which would be required for the hospital as well as the operation theatres were started earlier in the day. Also the examination hall for the medical college was inaugurated in the morning. The Director concluded his address with the exhortation to the students, the backbone of the Institution, to try and inculcate the qualities of competence, commitment, compassion and good communication skills which are the hallmarks of an excellent medical professional.

The Dean Dr SP Dhaneria presented the detailed annual report of the Institute and the Medical Superintendent Dr Ajay Dani in a short and succinct poetic manner stressed that there was no alternative to hard work and sincerity.

Prizes were given away to the meritorious students of MBBS and BSc (Hons) Nursing courses. Gaurav Sarnaik, Devansh Gupta and Abinash Swain were awarded for securing the overall first, second and third position respectively in the first professional MBBS examination. Gaurav Sarnaik also made a clean sweep of sorts by securing the first position in all the three subjects of Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry. Simran, Vibhuti Vaidya and Grace John were awarded medals of securing the first, second and third position respectively in the BSc (Hons) Nursing first year examination. Simran also secured the first position in Nutrition & Biochemistry and Psychology.

The event was followed by a colourful cultural program comprising of dance and music presented by the students of the Institute.