IIM-R girls steal spotlight

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Ranchi: Women make better managers than men, if results of IIM-R are anything to go by.

Two of three gold medals awarded by the premier B-school were bagged by women at its 7th convocation for the batch of 2016-18 held on Thursday at Ram Dayal Munda Kala Bhavan hall in Hotwar here.

Gouthami Makineni and Neha Gupta received gold medals for topping in management and HR management.

Kumar Sanjay Sawarni topped executive PG programme in management.

In all, 222 batch mates got diplomas in three streams (PG diploma in management, PG diploma in HR management and diploma for executive PG programme in management).

While 134 received PG

ALL SMILES: IIM-Ranchi management student Keerthan Sharma gets his diploma on Thursday. (Manob Chowdhary)

diplomas in management, 51 got theirs in human resource management and 37 in executive post-graduate programme in management.

Two more received the title of Fellow of IIM-R.

IIM-R director Shailendra Singh placed his annual report outlining the B-school's achi-evements, including overseas collaborations with institutes in the US, France, China and Bangladesh and a student exchange programme with a French institute.

Praveen Shankar Pandya, chairman of the board of governors of IIM-R, told students that they should explore entre-preneurship as well as plum jobs. "You are the miniscule section of society who are the future leaders of the country," he said.

Taking cue from him, one of the two chief guests, executive chairman and founder of ICS Group Deepak Premnarayen, reminded newbie managers that the country needed entre-preneurs. He added, "Life has both assets and liabilities as found in a balance sheet. Fix your goal and don't give up."

The other chief guest, co-promoter of Asian Paints Jalaj Aswin Dani, said new ideas needed to be out there. "Dreams are not what you see while sleeping, they are rather what keep you awake," he said.

Asked about her plans, topper Gauthami said, "I am now joining a bank but will shift to teaching after sometime."