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face to face

MANGESH G KORGAONKER, director general, NICMAR

'We impart essential knowledge, skills required for CRIP sector'

Mangesh G Korgaonker, director general, NICMAR is an eminent academician with several years of prior experience at national institutions like IIM Ahmedabad and IIT Bombay. He has also worked as a consultant in various sectors both in India and abroad. He talks to **Prachi Bari** about the institution and the plans he has for it.

Tell us about your college. National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR) is a premier academic institution in the field of construction, real estate, infrastructure and project management (CRIP) sector.

The institution imparts requisite knowledge, technical and managerial skills to its students to holistically groom them for taking up responsible leadership roles in the CRIP sector. It also undertakes special projects, collaborates with other apex organizations, disseminates knowledge through seminars/conferences, publishes literature and takes up numerous consultancy projects besides regularly con-

ducting executive management development programmes for enhancing the skill sets of professionals from renowned CRIP organizations.

For its noteworthy contribution to research in CRIP, and the institution has been recognised as "Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (SIRO)" by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Ministry of Science and Technology since 1990.

The institute received a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) grant which enabled it to involve eminent academicians from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA; University of Michigan, USA; University of Loughborough, UK; International Labour Organization, Geneva; Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad and other premier institutes in India, and eminent practitioners from India in development of the first full-fledged curriculum for a two year Post Graduate Programme in Advanced Construction Management in the late eighties.

What are your plans for the future?

NICMAR aims to establish full fledged universities specialising in domains such as construction, real estate, infrastructure, projects, continuing education and skill development, urban planning, smart cities, executive education, research and problem solving in all the domains of interest.

What steps are being taken to enhance students' skills?

CRIP is one of the fastest growing industries in the country today. It is also one of the major contributors to the nation's economy. This evolving industry offers abundant opportunities for students to take up responsible positions at various strategic levels. However, it demands new skill sets and competencies as there are immense advancements in technology and consequently methods and practices in

the industry.

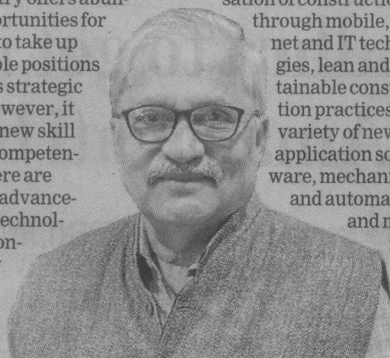
The aspirants need to have a fine blend of new age technical and managerial skills along with a sound understanding of core concepts, and knowledge of new software applications being used in the industry. This institute helps in the emerging industrial requirements and imparts the essential knowledge and skills required in the Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project Management (CRIP) sectors. We also impart knowledge, skills and competencies in a variety of technology areas including construction materials, construction equipment, digitalisation of construction

through mobile, internet and IT technologies, lean and sustainable construction practices, variety of new age application software, mechanization and automation, and manufacturing

approach to construction. Our highly qualified and experienced faculty members from academia and industry adopt the best pedagogical practices to hone the technical and managerial skills of our students.

Tell us about steps taken for upgradation of students.

In terms of academic upgradation, the institute strives to impart knowledge of the latest developments in the CRIP sectors. Our faculty members of all NICMAR campuses, adopt innovative teaching practices, and share the best practices and examples of innumerable CRIP projects with the students to inculcate in them a confidence to lead any project in the CRIP sector. We regularly revise the curriculum so as to ensure that it caters to the requirements of the industry. There is special attention paid to teaching crucial managerial skills. Besides, the institute regularly organises guest talks delivered by experts in the CRIP industry. Each year, NICMAR organises many field visits for its students.



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■ Chief patron, Dr Mangesh G Korgaonker (right), director general, NICMAR being felicitated by Dr Jonardhan Koner, dean, NICMAR.

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The National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR), Pune organised its third International Conference on Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project Management (ICCRIP) from November 23 to 25, 2018 at their Pune campus. Tathagata Roy, Governor of Meghalaya was the chief guest for the inaugural function. The valedictory function was graced by S C Dixit, executive director, Shapoorji Pallonji & Co. Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, who was the chief guest. ICCRIP 2018 created an opportunity for its participants to interact and deliberate over the emerging trends, issues and practices in CRIP.

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NICMAR organizes Conference on Construction:

The National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR), Pune organized its third International Conference on Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project Management (ICCRIP) at their Pune campus recently. Eminent academicians, researchers, scholars, industry practitioners, teachers and students of engineering and architecture from across the country attended the conference that serves as a platform for knowledge exchange. His Excellency, Honourable, Shri. Tathagata Roy, Governor of Meghalaya was the Chief Guest. Keynote speakers at the event included industry experts and eminent scholars.