

Young Change Makers Programme 3.0

NM Kulkarni praises youth's open-minded spirit at IIM Ranchi



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Ranchi, Dec 28: The Young Changemakers Programme (YCP) 3.0 at IIM Ranchi concluded on a thought-provoking note with its valedictory ceremony on Friday. The event celebrated the programme's core values of innovation, leadership, and social impact.

The ceremony commenced with the presence of the chief guest, Nitin Madan Kulkarni, Principal Secretary to the Governor of Jharkhand. He was joined by

Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Director of IIM Ranchi, along with faculty members, YCP alumni, and participants, making the occasion memorable.

Presentations from Top Teams

The event showcased presentations by top-performing teams, who proposed innovative solutions to address challenges faced by the residents of Rasabeda village. The teams impressed the audience with their creativity, empathy, and problem-solving approaches. Key ideas included bridging the urban-rural divide, improving menstrual health and maternal care, and promoting sustainability through initiatives like creating beds from agricultural husks.

Reflections from the IIM Ranchi Director

Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Nitin Madan Kulkarni, Mangesh Jha, the participants, and YCP alumni for their vital contributions. Reflecting on the programme's journey, he underscored the unique values of IIM Ranchi, which focus on "responsible education" and "relevant education."

He emphasized the significance of international exposure, experiential learning, and the courage to step outside one's comfort zone. "Change starts with you, no matter how small it may seem," he remarked, inspiring the audience to embrace a mindset of transformation.

Kulkarni highlights importance of empowering communities

Nitin Madan Kulkarni, the chief guest, addressed the gathering and shared his reflections from the Impact Initiator phase of the programme. He commended the open-minded, spirited youth for their willingness to question societal norms and lead transformative change.

Highlighting the importance of empowering communities, Kulkarni stressed resource management as a critical tool for solving diverse issues, including Rasabeda's connectivity challenges. He left the audience with a key message: "Learn. Unlearn. Relearn," emphasizing the need for adaptability in a rapidly changing technological era.

Team Polaris Declared Winner

Team Polaris was announced as the winner of YCP 3.0, earning accolades for their exemplary solutions. The team members were felicitated as programme laureates.

The ceremony concluded with Kulkarni leaving his handprint on the 'Social Canvas,' a legacy symbol of YCP that represents equality, unity, and creativity.

Prof. Gaurav Marathe, chairperson of the Social Entrepreneurship and Development Cell (SEDC) and a driving force behind the programme, delivered the vote of thanks. He commended the participants for their passion and potential, which he believes will ignite real-world change.

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Valedictory ceremony of YCP 3.0 held at IIM-R

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IIM Ranchi's The Young Changemakers Programme (YCP) 3.0 concluded with a thought-provoking valedictory ceremony. The event celebrated the spirit of innovation, leadership, and social impact that defines the programme's ethos.

The ceremony commenced with the august presence of Chief Guest, Dr. Nitin Kulkarni, Principal Secretary, Government of Jharkhand. His presence, along with Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Director of IIM Ranchi, faculty, YCP alumni, and participants, elevated the occasion.

The event proceeded with presentations from the top-performing teams, showcasing innovative solutions to address the challenges faced by the residents of the village Rasabeda. The teams impressed the audience with their creativity and empathy, presenting ideas such as bridging the urban-rural divide, addressing menstrual health and maternal care, and sustainable innovations like crafting beds from agricultural husk.

Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava expressed gratitude to the esteemed guest Dr. Nitin Kulkarni, Mangesh Jha, the participants, and YCP alumni for their invaluable



contributions. Reflecting on the programme's journey, he emphasized the core values that set IIM Ranchi apart—"responsible education" and "relevant education." He highlighted the importance of international exposure, experiential learning, and the courage to thrive in discomfort, underscoring the belief that "change starts with you, no matter how seemingly small it may be."

The Chief Guest, Dr. Nitin Kulkarni, addressed the gathering, sharing his experience of interacting with participants during the Impact Initiator phase. He praised the open-minded and spirited youth who are questioning societal systems to pioneer change. Emphasizing the importance of empowering communities, he remarked on the need for resource management to address diverse problems, particularly the connectivity issues in

Rasabeda. He concluded with invaluable advice: "Learn. Unlearn. Relearn.", stressing the necessity of adaptability in a rapidly evolving technological world.

Team Polaris was announced as the winner, with its members felicitated as programme laureates for their exemplary solutions. The ceremony concluded with Dr. Kulkarni adding his handprint to the 'Social Canvas', a YCP legacy symbolizing equality, unity, and creativity.

The event culminated with a vote of thanks by Prof. Gaurav Marathe,

Chairperson of SEDC, and a major force behind the programme, who lauded the students' spark that promises to ignite real-world change. The journey of these changemakers has only just begun, carrying forward the spirit of transformation nurtured at IIM Ranchi.

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IIM Ranchi starts 3rd edition of Young Change Makers Programme



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Jamshedpur, Dec 24: IIM Ranchi started the third edition of the Young Change Makers Programme (YCP), with the theme “Pillars of Society.”

Designed to nurture socially conscious leaders, YCP 3.0 builds on its legacy of empowering changemakers to address pressing societal challenges and create meaningful impacts.

Empowering students to address societal challenges

The Young Changemakers Programme is a transformative initiative that equips students with the skills and empathy needed to engage with real-world problems.

Over its previous editions, YCP has successfully bridged gaps between communities and changemakers, fostering a culture of innovation, leadership, and social impact.

This year's theme, "Pillars of Society," celebrates the contributions of unsung heroes who tirelessly shape our communities, inspiring participants to embrace their role as changemakers.

Narratives from community heroes

The inauguration began with the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolising enlightenment and unity.

The first honoured guests of the event were the people of Rasabeda, whose stories of resilience and dedication to healthcare, education, and community development left a lasting impression on the audience.

This was followed by inspiring narratives from the women drivers of the Pink Auto Initiative, who shared their empowering journeys of creating safer public spaces and supporting their families.

Dignitaries deliver powerful addresses

Their presence, alongside dignitaries such as Professor Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Director of IIM Ranchi, and Professor Gaurav Marathe, Chair of Social Impact & YCP, set a powerful tone for the event.

Professor Deepak Kumar Srivastava delivered an inspiring talk about the past, present, and future of YCP and the larger vision for creating social change, motivating participants to see themselves as key drivers of transformation.

Raj Singh, founder of the Samachar Wala YouTube channel, delivered a thought-provoking address on the current societal dynamics.

He emphasised that while YCP is a commendable initiative, it highlights the societal gaps that need to be addressed, making the program even more vital in today's world.

A standout moment of the ceremony was the unveiling of the YCP mural, "The Social Canvas." Participants and guests left their handprints on the mural as a symbolic act of unity and equality, reminding everyone of the shared responsibility to foster societal progress.

This was followed by Professor Gaurav Marathe addressing the participants and their families.

He spoke about the importance of aligning personal aspirations with the broader goal of social change and emphasised the urgent need for programs like YCP to build a better, more equitable society.

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