

## IIM Ranchi Organised the Policy Conversation Session

# 'Youth can build a better nation by embracing agricultural traditions'

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IIM Ranchi organised the Policy Conversation session featuring Professor Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog (Government of India) on Friday. The highlight of the event was the formal launch of the Research Method Group (RMG), an initiative developed by the Institute to promote advanced and collaborative research.

Prof. Kushagra Sharan, Faculty, IIM Ranchi, introduced the concept and objectives of the RMG. He stated that institutions across India and abroad are increasingly collaborating on research

and knowledge creation. In this context, RMG aims to foster joint research initiatives by connecting IIM Ranchi with other academic and research institutions. The group will focus on philosophical foundations, methodological integration, and analytical capabilities - encompassing quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-method approaches, use of statistical and computational tools, and expansion of national and international research collaborations.

Director, IIM Ranchi, Professor Deepak Srivastava, emphasised that management institutions play a significant role in guiding gov-



ernance and public policy through their research contributions. He added that the establishment of RMG is a meaningful step in this direction.

He highlighted that the Institute is committed to developing socially responsible managers who contribute to the progress of society. Aligning with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, IIM Ranchi continues to focus on capacity building and achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through rigorous research.

He stated that, "Research must be guided by the questions of why and how, so that we can effectively

harness the opportunities of the future."

In his keynote address, Professor Ramesh Chand shared insights from his academic journey.

He recalled how his father wished for him to pursue an MBA, but after completing his B.Sc. in Agriculture, he chose to dedicate himself to research following an early setback during his management institute admission process.

He urged academic institutions across India to develop innovative research methods

to ensure that technological and managerial knowledge reaches the common people. Speaking on India's develop-

ment vision, he said that the government is focusing on harnessing the potential of every sector to achieve the Viksit Bharat 2047 goal, thereby enabling India to emerge as an economically strong nation.

Highlighting the potential of the agriculture sector, Prof. Chand described it as both the backbone and the driver of India's economic progress. He noted that nearly 46% of India's population continues to depend on agriculture, and between 2015-16 and 2024-25, the sector recorded an average annual growth rate of 4.45%.

Increased production, not only benefits domestic con-

sumers but also boosts export potential, thereby strengthening the nation's economy.

He further discussed the production trends in field and horticultural crops and encouraged management students to contribute to and remain sensitive towards agricultural development. During the concluding session, students interacted with Prof. Chand, asking questions related to policy and agricultural opportunities.

The participants also expressed their commitment to contributing towards the realization of the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.

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**RANCHI, OCT 25 (UNI):- Member of NITI Aayog Prof. Ramesh Chand along with Director IIM Ranchi Deepak Kumar Shrivastava at a seminar Agriculture Development and Policy Formulation at IIM Ranchi on Saturday.UNI PHOTO-34U**

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