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From the Director's Desk

I am pleased to share that IIM Ranchi has achieved several notable academic and institutional milestones during this period.

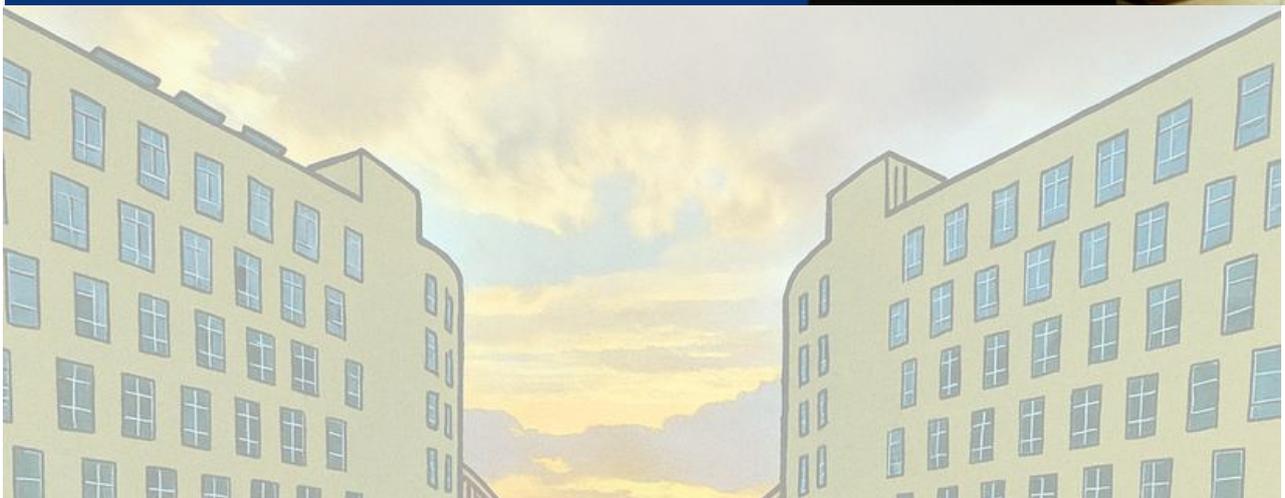
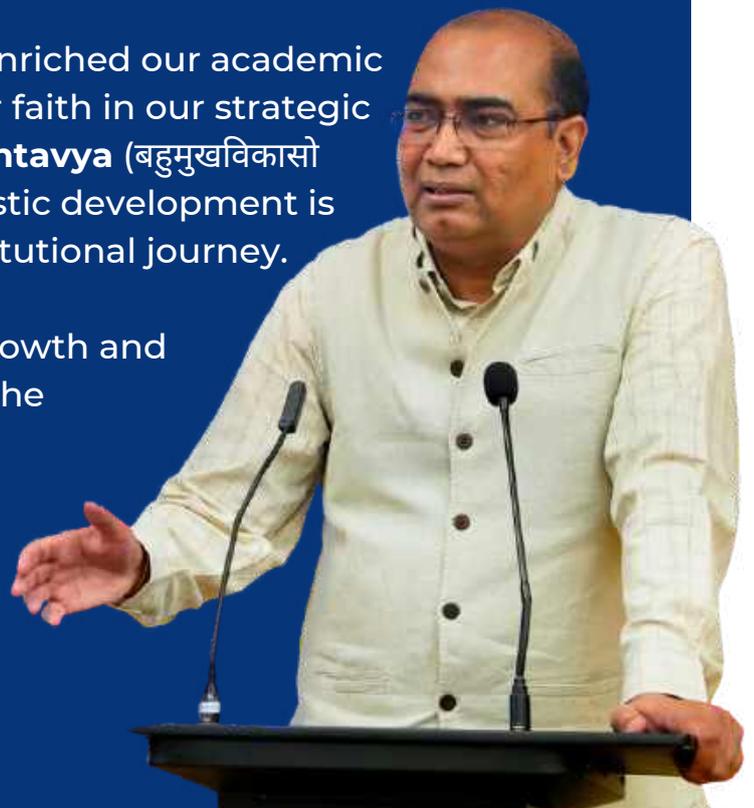
The Institute's AMBA accreditation and the conferment of 4 Palmes of Excellence in the Eduniversal Best Business Schools Ranking reflect the collective efforts of our faculty, students, and staff.

The campus has remained a vibrant hub of learning and dialogue, hosting the 10th Pan-IIM World Management Conference 2025 and engaging in policy-oriented research and international collaborations.

Together, these efforts have enriched our academic ecosystem and reaffirmed our faith in our strategic motto, "**Bahumukhvikaso Gantavya** (बहुमुखविकासो गन्तव्य)," reminding us that holistic development is the compass guiding our institutional journey.

I look forward to continued growth and many more achievements in the journey ahead.

**Prof. Deepak
Kumar Srivastava**





Celebrating impactful research

Research Scholars' Day 2025

IIM Ranchi organized Research Scholars' Day 2025 on the theme "The Pracademic Edge: Turning Research into Real World Results," bringing together doctoral scholars, faculty, and alumni for a three-day celebration of impactful research. The event featured innovative formats such as the One-Slide Three-Minute Challenge, Infographic Explainers, and Full Paper Presentations, highlighting research with strong real-world relevance.

Speakers emphasized the role of research in shaping quality education, policy, and sustainable development, with insights on publishing, global impact, and responsible scholarship. The programme concluded with alumni panel and award ceremony, recognizing outstanding research presentations across all categories.

Policy Conversation Series

Prof. Ramesh Chand

IIM Ranchi organized Policy Conversation featuring Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog, and also marked the launch of the Research Method Group (RMG) to promote collaborative and interdisciplinary research. Prof. Chand shared insights on research, public policy, and India's development vision, highlighting agriculture as a key driver of economic growth and aligning academic research with the goals of Viksit Bharat 2047.



Celebrating memories and bonds

Alumni Batch Reunion 2025

IIM Ranchi came alive with memories and laughter as it welcomed back its alumni for the Alumni Batch Reunion 2025. The event, themed "Tapestry of Time," celebrated enduring bonds, cherished memories, and the remarkable journeys of alumni from the 2010-12, 2011-13, and 2012-14 batches.

The gathering was graced by Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Prof. Tanusree Dutta, Prof. Tata Sai Vijay, Prof. Gaurav Manohar Marathe, along with other faculty members, who extended a warm welcome to the alumni returning to their alma mater. The event beautifully captured the spirit of homecoming, where the memories of the past blend seamlessly with the dreams of the present.





Collaboration and impact

Springer Nature India Research Tour 2025

IIM Ranchi hosted the Springer Nature India Research Tour 2025 as part of a nationwide initiative with the Ministry of Education and ICSSR to strengthen research across leading academic institutions. The programme brought together senior representatives from Springer Nature, ICSSR, and IIM Ranchi to discuss research accessibility, collaboration, and policy relevance, aligned with initiatives such as One Nation, One Subscription and Viksit Bharat 2047. The event featured workshops, panel discussions, and the felicitation of women faculty researchers, reinforcing IIM Ranchi's commitment to advancing a robust and socially relevant research ecosystem.



Thinking with Theory Series

Research Methods Group

IIM Ranchi under the Research Methods Group, launched "Thinking with Theory" series. The first episode was anchored by Ms. Aarohi Mishra, PhD Scholar, Liberal Arts & Sciences Area, on 'What is Theory?' - encouraging researchers to think deeper, reflect more, and interpret better.



EDUNIVERSAL Best Business Schools Ranking 2025

4 Palmes of Excellence

IIM Ranchi has been recognized with the 4 Palmes of Excellence in the EDUNIVERSAL Best Business Schools Ranking 2025, placing the institute among those with significant international influence in management education. The Eduniversal system, which covers 154 countries and 1,032 Business Schools, reflects how institutions contribute to a connected and globally engaged academic community.



Strengthening MSMEs towards Atmanirbhar Bharat

MSME Conclave 2025

IIM Ranchi organized the MSME Conclave 2025 on the occasion of Jharkhand Foundation Day and Birsa Munda Jayanti, bringing together MSME leaders, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and academicians to discuss growth, innovation, and sustainability in the MSME sector. The conclave featured keynote addresses, expert interactions, and a panel discussion on MSMEs as the backbone of Atmanirbhar Bharat, along with Ideathon 2025 finals, a national case competition launch, and the felicitation of entrepreneurs and student innovators, reinforcing the Institute's commitment to strengthening Jharkhand's MSME ecosystem.



Films as a medium for reflection and leadership dialogue

CineSphere Series

IIM Ranchi launched CineSphere - a new initiative under Prof. Vikas Pathe and Ellipsis - The Literary Club, conceived as a reflective space where films become starting points for deeper conversations.

In the session based on the movie "Guru", Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Director, IIM Ranchi, reflected on fundamental questions around the goal of business and the true meaning of entrepreneurship. The discussion examined ethical versus legal dilemmas, prediction versus control, and the importance of courage in leadership and decision-making.



The programme also included a panel discussion on MSMEs as the backbone of a self-reliant India, interactive sessions, and student-focused initiatives such as Ideathon 2025 and the launch of a national case competition. The event concluded with the felicitation of entrepreneurs and student innovators, reinforcing IIM Ranchi's commitment to fostering innovation, collaboration, and entrepreneurship to support sustainable MSME growth.



Ink and Impact

Prashant Anand, IPS

IIM Ranchi hosted Shri Prashant Anand, IPS - author of Rules to Rule. The session explored overarching strategic lessons for contemporary management by drawing thoughtfully from historical examples, setting the stage for a nuanced discussion on leadership, governance, and strategic thinking beyond time and context.



A mark of global excellence

AMBA Accreditation

IIM Ranchi received AMBA accreditation, reaffirming its place among the top 2% of business schools worldwide.

Rooted in the core values of humility, honesty, and hard work, IIM Ranchi continued to advance cutting-edge management education and research, empowering future-ready leaders.



Three days of dialogue on impact-driven management research

10th Pan-IIM World Management Conference 2025

Day 1

The 10th Pan-IIM World Management Conference (WMC) 2025 commenced at IIM Ranchi on November 27 with a strong focus on the theme “Driving Social Impact through Management Research.” The inaugural day brought together academicians, industry leaders, policymakers, and practitioners to explore how management research can address societal challenges. The opening sessions emphasized strengthening research–practice linkages, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and reorienting management scholarship toward sustainable and inclusive development.

Keynote addresses and panel discussions highlighted innovation, responsible leadership, AI for social impact, internationalisation, research methods, and the role of IIMs in national development. With participation from IIM Directors, global accreditation leaders, and industry experts, the day concluded with vibrant academic exchanges, paper presentations, and cultural networking, setting a strong foundation for the conference.

Day 2

Day 2 featured insightful discussions on leadership development, public sector enterprises, global standards in management education, MSMEs, entrepreneurship, and case pedagogy. Conversations with senior academic leaders focused on nurturing early-career faculty, balancing teaching and research, and institutional responsibility. Panels on PSUs underscored their contribution to India’s socio-economic growth, while global accreditation experts discussed benchmarking and international visibility of Indian business schools.

The day also explored MSMEs as drivers of impact, entrepreneurship as a force for inclusive growth, and the evolving Indian business system rooted in ethics and resilience. The academic deliberations concluded with a vibrant Cultural Night celebrating Jharkhand’s heritage, reinforcing the conference’s blend of scholarship, leadership, and cultural immersion.

Day 3

The conference concluded on November 29 with thought-provoking deliberations on management research, entrepreneurship, happiness in leadership, and the role of IIMs in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat. Speakers emphasized that management institutions must extend their influence beyond corporate success to social transformation, grassroots development, and climate sensitivity. Discussions highlighted entrepreneurship, MSMEs, sustainable innovation, and non-linear growth as critical to India’s long-term economic aspirations.

The valedictory session recognized outstanding research contributions across nine academic tracks and unveiled the Book of Abstracts, marking a meaningful close to a landmark edition focused on impact-driven management research.





Celebrating memories, music,
and lifelong connections

Alumni Homecoming

IIM Ranchi hosted its Alumni Homecoming 2025: The Cosmic Soirée on December 13 and 14, welcoming alumni from all batches since the institute's inception. The event commenced with an inauguration ceremony and featured a range of activities across the two days, including games, cultural performances, an open mic session, and a DJ night.

The homecoming offered alumni an opportunity to relive memories, reconnect with peers, and interact meaningfully with the current batch of students. The event stood as a testament to the strong and growing alumni community of IIM Ranchi, made possible by the dedicated efforts of the Alumni Relations Committee.



Reflecting on legacy and a future-ready vision

17th Foundation Day

IIM Ranchi marked its 17th Foundation Day with a celebration reflecting on the Institute's journey, values, and aspirations. The programme featured reflections on purpose-driven leadership, courage, and holistic growth, along with the felicitation of meritorious students and long-serving faculty and staff for their contributions to the Institute's progress.

The occasion also witnessed the unveiling of Jharkhand's first Gen-Z Post Office at the IIM Ranchi campus by India Post. Designed as a youth-centric Post Café and Experience Centre, the initiative blends technology with tradition and reflects IIM Ranchi's commitment to innovation, student engagement, and its Vision@2030.

Ink and Impact

Ami Ganatra

IIM Ranchi hosted Ms. Ami Ganatra, author of Mahābhārata Unravelled and Rāmāyaṇa Unravelled, for the latest edition of Ink & Impact, the monthly author talk series by Ellipsis, the literary club. Drawing from her deep engagement with original Sanskrit sources, she addressed common misconceptions surrounding the Indian epics and highlighted their relevance to leadership, ethics, and decision-making. The session concluded with an interactive discussion, encouraging students to engage with primary texts and apply ancient wisdom to contemporary challenges.



Reflecting on enduring legacies

Makers of Modern India

IIM Ranchi launched Makers of Modern India, a new initiative coordinated by Prof. George Joseph and organised by Et Litera, the IPM Literary Club, to revisit the legacies of visionaries who shaped modern India through reflective dialogue.

The inaugural session focused on Birsa Munda, sparking discussions on leadership, values, and diversity, and highlighting the relevance of historical thought in contemporary society.



Nurturing socially conscious future leaders

Young Changemakers Programme 4.0

IIM Ranchi conducted the Young Changemakers Programme (YCP) 4.0 - The Ignite Edition, reaffirming its commitment to social impact, experiential learning, and leadership development. The five-day rural immersion programme brought together 100 students from 24 states, focusing on nurturing socially conscious future leaders through immersive learning, teamwork, and design-thinking approaches.

As part of the programme, participants visited Lohajimi village in Khunti district, engaging with local communities, schools, and village leaders to understand grassroots challenges. Through interactive activities, reflection sessions, and solution-building exercises, students translated empathy into action. The programme concluded with reflections on leadership, social intelligence, and responsible innovation, followed by the felicitation of all participants.



Advancing experiential learning and research excellence

State-of-the-Art Finance Lab

IIM Ranchi inaugurated its Finance Lab, strengthening experiential learning and industry-aligned management education. The facility was inaugurated by Shri Pramod Agrawal, IAS (Retd.), Former Chairman, Bombay Stock Exchange Limited (BSE) and Former Chairman & MD, Coal India Limited, along with Prof. Deepak Srivastava, Director, IIM Ranchi, in the presence of faculty, staff, and students.

Equipped with Bloomberg, LSEG (Refinitiv), CMIE Prowess, Stata, MAXQDA, Python, and other specialized tools, the lab houses 12 Bloomberg Terminals and 20 all-in-one terminals, enabling hands-on learning and advanced financial analytics.



Programme Conducted or Concluded between Oct 01, 2025 & Dec 31, 2025

Executive Education

PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED		
Programme Name	Participating Organization	Date
MDP for Official Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions	Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI)	Oct 10, 2025 to Oct 14, 2025
MDP for Official Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions	Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI)	Oct 29, 2025 to Nov 02, 2025
MDP for Postal Services on Marketing of Postal Products and Services	India Post	Oct 30, 2025 to Nov 01, 2025
Executive Leadership Programme	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)	Nov 03, 2025 to Nov 07, 2025
Nurturing Future Leadership Program under the aegis of MMTP, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India	-	Nov 10, 2025 to Nov 14, 2025
MDP on Foundation of Leadership and Self-Management	Jharkhand State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Ltd.	Nov 10, 2025 to Nov 12, 2025
MDP on Leadership and Managerial Development	Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.	Nov 17, 2025 to Nov 18, 2025
Innovate & Impact Programme	-	Nov 22, 2025 to Nov 23, 2025
Executive Leadership Programme	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)	Dec 08, 2025 to Dec 12, 2025
MDP on Leadership and Managerial Development	Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.	Dec 11, 2025 to Dec 12, 2025



PROGRAMMES CONCLUDED

Programme Name	Concluding / Valedictory Date
Executive Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Investment Banking and Capital Markets (Cohort 4)	Oct 12, 2025
Executive Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Advanced General Management (Cohort 3)	Nov 22, 2025
Executive Post Graduate Certification in General Management & CXOs (Cohort 4)	Dec 15, 2025
Post Graduate Certification in Advanced HRM and Strategic Analytics (Cohort 2)	Dec 21, 2025
Executive Post Graduate Certification in Investment Banking and Capital Markets (Cohort 5)	Dec 22, 2025



Seminars Conducted between Oct 01, 2025 & Dec 31, 2025

Research Webinar Series

Speaker	Topic	Date
Prof. Viral V. Acharya	Treasuries, Tariff War Shock, and the Convenience Yield (A Hedging Perspective)	Nov 4, 2025

Guest Seminar Series

Speaker	Topic	Date
Prof. Anand Jha	Climate Policy Uncertainty and Climate-Related Strategic Alliances	Dec 19, 2025

Thinking with Theory Series

Research Methods Group

Speaker	Topic	Date
Diksha Kumari	What is a Paradigm?	Nov 11, 2025
Keziah Elsa James	Theorizing and Theoretical Contribution	Nov 18, 2025
Pragnya Priyadarhsani	Grounded Theory and Inductive Theorizing	Nov 25, 2025
Nilay Ranjan	Process vs Variance Theory	Dec 2, 2025
Aarohi Mishra	Middle-Range Theory	Dec 9, 2025
Prof. George Joseph	Re-reading Positivism	Dec 16, 2025

Closing Remarks

As we conclude this edition, we take pride in a period marked by vibrant dialogue, impactful initiatives, and significant institutional milestones. Alongside academic conferences, research engagements, student-led programmes, alumni reconnects, and community-focused initiatives, IIM Ranchi also achieved AMBA accreditation and was awarded 4 Palmes of Excellence in the EDUNIVERSAL Rankings, reaffirming its growing global standing. These achievements and activities collectively reflect the Institute's commitment to excellence, relevance, and purpose-driven education. We look ahead with renewed momentum to deepen impact, strengthen collaborations, and contribute meaningfully to society through management education and research.

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