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From the Director's Desk

The past few months at IIM Ranchi have reflected steady progress and a continued focus on strengthening our academic ecosystem. The 15th Convocation was a significant moment for the Institute. On this occasion, the Virtual Reality Case Repository was launched by the Hon'ble Vice President of India, making learning more experiential.

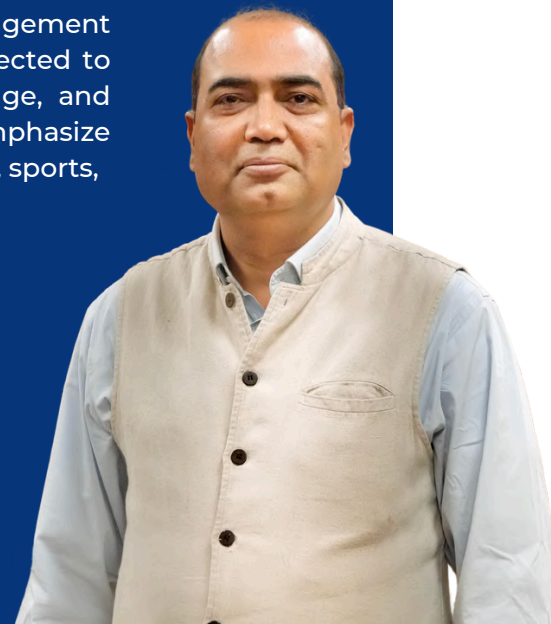
We have also taken steps to strengthen teaching and learning through the launch of the Centre for Teaching with Artificial Intelligence. This is part of our broader effort to integrate technology meaningfully into the classroom and prepare students for a changing environment.

There have been several academic and institutional activities across the campus. Conferences and platforms such as the International Conference on Indian Cinema, Startup Conclave, Tribal Entrepreneurship Conclave, the India-Latin America Symposium, the Latin America-India Academic Collaboration Round Table, and Vidhan have created valuable spaces for discussion and engagement with real-world issues.

We have continued to build industry and practice connections through initiatives such as the national case competition with SAIL and a range of executive education programmes. These efforts help ensure that learning remains relevant and applied.

At the same time, we are expanding our global engagement through collaborations and exchanges, while staying connected to local priorities such as sustainability, indigenous knowledge, and community development. Campus life continues to emphasize overall student development. Activities related to well-being, sports, and cultural engagement, including the yoga camp and interactive sessions with practitioners, contribute to holistic development. As we move ahead, our focus remains on building academic depth, strengthening engagement with practice, and expanding our impact in a meaningful way.

**Prof. Deepak
Kumar Srivastava**





A diverse cohort begins a rigorous doctoral journey

Executive Ph.D. Batch 2025 Begins at IIM Ranchi

IIM Ranchi inaugurated its Executive Ph.D. Batch 2025, bringing together experienced professionals from sectors such as banking, government, education, and the social sector. The programme follows a structured format with coursework, campus immersions, and research milestones, supported by a vibrant academic ecosystem of seminars, workshops, and conferences.

Faculty and guest speakers highlighted the importance of resilience, collaboration, and sustained effort in navigating doctoral research, while also emphasizing the unique advantage of practitioner-scholars in connecting academic theory with real-world application.



International players bring real-world perspectives to the classroom

Global Hockey Insights Enrich Sports Analytics at IIM Ranchi

IIM Ranchi hosted an interactive session with distinguished hockey personalities including Neha Goyal, Midfielder of the Indian Women's Hockey Team; Tom Boon, international player from the Belgian Men's Hockey Team; Poonam Toppo, former Indian Women's Hockey Team player and coach of Ranchi Royals; and Netesh Baa, Head of Operations, Ranchi Royals, as part of its Sports Analytics course.

The speakers shared insights into their professional journeys, the evolving sports ecosystem, and the growing role of data-driven tools in performance enhancement. They also emphasized the importance of sports infrastructure, community support, and the role of sports in building discipline, teamwork, and leadership skills.

Strengthening industry-academia collaboration

IIM Ranchi Hosts National Case Competition with SAIL

IIM Ranchi, in collaboration with the Steel Authority of India (SAIL), hosted NationForged: The SAIL Transformation Conquest, witnessing over 950 registrations from leading management institutions. Prof. Rajeev Verma, Chairperson - Corporate Relations, IIM Ranchi, outlined the competition's genesis, while Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Director, emphasized the role of case competitions in applying classroom learning to real-world challenges.

The event featured distinguished dignitaries including Shri Sanjay Dhar, Executive Director (HR - Learning & Development), SAIL; Shri Abhijeet Kumar, Executive Director (Marketing), SAIL; and Shri Sitendu Roy, General Manager & Head - Go to Market & Pricing Excellence, Tata Motors, along with senior leaders from SAIL. Team Loaners from IIT Delhi (Ankush and Vartika Verma) won the competition, followed by IIM Ranchi's Team Pluto (Abhinava Ramanan G and Mutharasu R) as First Runner-Up, and Team Sharpe Shooters from IIM Indore (Arnab Ghosh and Asha Singh) as Second Runner-Up.





Promoting holistic well-being, mindfulness, and balance on campus

IIM Ranchi Hosts Two-Day Yoga Camp with RKMVERI

IIM Ranchi, in collaboration with the Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI), is organizing a two-day Yoga Camp inaugurated by Swami Atmapriyananda, Pro-Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission; Swami Vidyapradananda, Assistant Professor, RKMVERI; and Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Director, IIM Ranchi.

The speakers highlighted the role of yoga in fostering mental clarity, emotional balance, and overall well-being. The camp includes yoga, meditation, and interactive sessions, along with demonstrations by RKMVERI students, promoting a balanced and mindful approach to academic life.



Commemorating constitutional values and unity in diversity

IIM Ranchi Celebrates 77th Republic Day

IIM Ranchi celebrated the 77th Republic Day with pride at its campus, where Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Director, hoisted the national flag and addressed the gathering. He highlighted the significance of the Constitution as a unifying force in a diverse nation and emphasized the balance between Fundamental Rights and Duties.

Reflecting on the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047, he encouraged individuals to contribute through small yet meaningful actions. The celebration concluded with vibrant cultural performances by students, showcasing India's unity in diversity.



Advancing AI-integrated management education and innovation

IIM Ranchi Launches Centre for Teaching with Artificial Intelligence

IIM Ranchi launched its Centre for Teaching with Artificial Intelligence at the Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave 2026 in New Delhi, with the Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, unveiling the initiative. Aligned with NEP 2020, the Centre aims to promote AI-enabled learning, curriculum innovation, and responsible AI adoption.

The Centre will focus on pedagogy, curriculum development, and industry engagement through faculty training, AI-integrated programmes, executive education, and live projects. Building on earlier AI-led academic reforms, the initiative seeks to foster analytical thinking and prepare future leaders for an AI-driven economy.



Exploring entrepreneurship for sustainability and growth

Startup Conclave 2026

IIM Ranchi organised Startup Conclave 2026, bringing together founders, investors, academicians, and students to discuss the role of entrepreneurship in addressing economic, social, and environmental challenges. Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Director, highlighted the evolving nature of startups and India's growing ecosystem, while Chief Guest Jaswinder Singh Ahluwalia, Group President & CEO, Agrawal Packers and Movers, emphasized adaptability, innovation, and opportunity creation.

Shri Govind Dholakia, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, spoke on the importance of trust and ethics in building sustainable enterprises. The conclave featured panel discussions on employment generation and MSME-startup collaboration, along with a startup pitching round where Rolas, founded by Vikas M. Dev, Harsha Hegde, and Shreyas H, won the Best Pitcher award.



Exploring AI's impact on education and assessment

Panel on Teaching with AI

IIM Ranchi organised a panel discussion on "Teaching with AI," bringing together academicians and experts from various institutes. Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava highlighted the Institute's AI initiatives and its recognition as a Centre of Excellence by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan. Sessions featured Prof. Anupriya Khan and Prof. Manish Kumar along with experts from leading institutions, focusing on AI-driven teaching, evolving evaluation methods, and the need to balance technology with ethics and academic integrity.

Films as a medium for reflection and leadership dialogue

International Conference on Indian Cinema

IIM Ranchi organised a two-day International Conference on Indian Cinema, bringing together filmmakers, academicians, and scholars to examine how cinema reflects social realities and offers managerial insights. The inaugural session featured Shri Dhiraj Singh, Vice Chancellor, FTII Pune; Prof. Monia Acciari, Ashoka University; Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Director, IIM Ranchi; and Conference Chairpersons Prof. Vikas Pathe and Prof. Neelu, who highlighted cinema's role in shaping leadership, decision-making, and cultural narratives.



The conference featured keynote addresses by Ajeet N. Mathur and Prof. Sari Mattila, along with panel discussions and around 150 research papers. The concluding day included panels with filmmakers Meghnath, Anuj Kumar, and Indrasis Acharya, who discussed technological shifts, OTT growth, and the evolving film ecosystem, as well as a session with scholars such as Prof. Dhananjai Rai, Prof. Monia Acciari, Prof. S. V. Srinivas, and Prof. Pippa Catterall on the global positioning of Indian cinema. The valedictory address by Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava highlighted cinema as a reflection of society, a learning tool, and management model.



Experienced professionals begin a new academic journey

IIM Ranchi Inaugurates MBA (Executive) 2026-28 Winter Batch

IIM Ranchi inaugurated the MBA (Executive) Winter Batch 2026–28 in the presence of Chief Guest Ashok Kumar Sehgal, CEO, Patratu Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd., and Guest of Honour Ajay Kumar Sinha, HR Head, Hindalco Industries (Renukoot), along with Prof. Tanusree Dutta, Prof. Nitin Singh, and Prof. Rajeev Ranjan Kumar.

Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Director, highlighted the evolving and multidimensional nature of management education, while speakers emphasized leadership development, adaptability, and the integration of industry experience with academic learning for navigating a dynamic business environment.



National policy competition promotes informed policymaking

IIM Ranchi & NUSRL Ranchi Conclude Vidhan 2026

IIM Ranchi, in collaboration with NUSRL Ranchi, concluded Vidhan: The Policy Triathlon 2026, a student-led national competition on public policy. Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava highlighted the importance of policy education, while Chief Guest Shri Deepak Prakash emphasized effective implementation. With participation from premier institutions, 11 teams reached the finals. Team Upper East Side (IIM Shillong) won, followed by Team Power Clause (NUSRL Ranchi) and Team Cite and Cry (RGNUL Patiala).



Inspiring stories of leadership, resilience, and achievement

IIM Ranchi Celebrates International Women's Day

IIM Ranchi marked International Women's Day with a special event featuring Ms. Navnita Gautam, India's first certified athletic therapist, and Ms. Premlata Agarwal, the first Indian woman to scale the Seven Summits. The event was graced by Prof. Tanusree Dutta and Prof. Pritee Ray, along with faculty, staff, and students.

The speakers shared powerful journeys of perseverance and breaking barriers, emphasizing discipline, confidence, and resilience. The session highlighted the importance of creating an inclusive environment that supports women's growth and leadership across fields.



Exploring global collaboration and knowledge exchange

IIM Ranchi Hosts India - Latin America Academic Symposium

IIM Ranchi organised a symposium on strengthening academic cooperation between India and Latin America, bringing together academic leaders and experts to explore opportunities in research, mobility, and institutional partnerships. Prof. Shweta Jha highlighted the growing importance of global collaborations, while Director Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava emphasized international exposure through student exchanges, faculty engagement, and future initiatives aimed at building stronger global academic linkages.

The symposium featured panel discussions with experts including Dr. Daniela Perrotta, Ms. Paulina Latorre, Dr. Adalberto Noyola, and Dr. Andrés Bórquez, along with IIM Ranchi faculty members. Discussions focused on internationalization, knowledge exchange, and the need to build collaborative frameworks to address global challenges, strengthen interdisciplinary research, and deepen academic ties between India and Latin America.

Indigenous innovation and market integration

IIM Ranchi Hosts India - Latin America Roundtable in New Delhi

IIM Ranchi hosted the Roundtable on India–Latin America Academic Cooperation in New Delhi, bringing together distinguished diplomatic representatives and academic leaders to strengthen engagement between the two regions. The roundtable was graced by H.E. Mr. Juan Angulo, Ambassador of Chile; Mr. Juan Carlos Rojas Arango, Minister Counselor, Embassy of Colombia; and Mr. Kharlo Quiñónez, Head of International Cooperation, Embassy of Mexico.

The academic leadership from IIM Ranchi included Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava, Director; Prof. Tanusree Dutta, Dean (Academics); Prof. Shweta Jha, Chairperson (International Exchange); Prof. Manish Bansal, Chairperson (Doctoral Programmes); Prof. Angshuman Hazarika, Chairperson (Admissions); and Prof. José Manuel Morales Valdés, Visiting Faculty.

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The discussions focused on building structured academic collaborations through student and faculty exchange, institutional partnerships, joint research opportunities, and cross-cultural engagement. Participants also explored pathways for long-term collaboration in areas such as management education, doctoral research, executive learning, and international mobility, with a shared vision of strengthening academic cooperation from the Global South. The dialogue marked an important step towards deepening academic and diplomatic cooperation between India and Latin America.



Promoting indigenous innovation and market integration

IIM Ranchi Hosts Tribal Entrepreneurship Conclave 2026

IIM Ranchi organised the second edition of the Tribal Entrepreneurship Conclave 2026, bringing together tribal entrepreneurs to share insights on building sustainable enterprises. Chief Guest Smt. Shilpi Neha Tirkey, Hon'ble Minister, Government of Jharkhand, emphasized preserving traditional knowledge while enabling market access, while Director Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava highlighted the need to balance sustainability with growth.

The conclave featured panel discussions with entrepreneurs and experts including Doman Chandra Tudu, Santosh Hembram, Bhagwati Devi, and Turlen Dhan, along with representatives from government and development organisations. Discussions focused on opportunities in tribal entrepreneurship and the importance of collaborative support systems to drive inclusive growth.

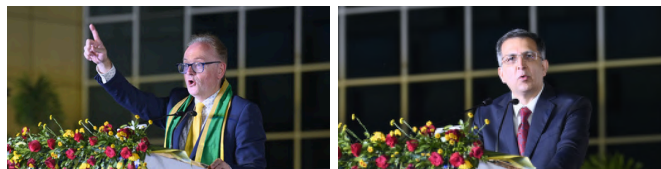


Hon'ble Vice President of India honours graduates and academic excellence

IIM Ranchi's 15th Convocation Celebrates Academic Excellence and Achievement

IIM Ranchi celebrated its 15th Annual Convocation, awarding 558 degrees across doctoral, postgraduate, and undergraduate programmes. Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, Hon'ble Vice President of India, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Guests of Honour included Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand; Shri Harivansh Narayan Singh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha; Shri Sanjay Seth, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Defence; and Shri Sudivya Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development and Housing Department, Department of Higher and Technical Education, and Department of Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Jharkhand.

On this occasion, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan also launched the Virtual Reality (VR) Case Repository, marking a significant step towards immersive and experiential learning at the Institute. Toppers were recognized from five programmes - MBA, MBA-HRM, MBA-BA, MBA (Executive) Winter, and MBA (Executive) Summer. The gold medal awardees included Mr. Nalin Suriya S (MBA), Mr. Akshay Budhiraja (MBA HRM), Mr. Chandresh V (MBA BA), Mr. Kumar Siddhanth (MBA Executive - Winter), and Ms. Mamali Mohapatra (MBA Executive - Summer). Two prestigious awards were presented for overall excellence - the Prof. Ashish Hajela Award was conferred upon Ms. Debolina Mitra, while the Student Citizenship Award was awarded to Ms. Sejal Taori.



Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava highlighted the institute's academic progress, research output, strong placements, and initiatives such as the Centre for Teaching with Artificial Intelligence. Dignitaries emphasized innovation, responsible leadership, and inclusive growth, encouraging students to contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

The second session featured Prof. Lindsay Gregory Oades, Provost of University of York Mumbai, and Shri Siddharth Sharma, CEO of Tata Trusts, who urged graduates to focus on lifelong learning, resilience, financial awareness, and value-driven leadership in a rapidly evolving global environment.

Programme Conducted or Concluded between Jan 01, 2026 & Mar 31, 2026

Executive Education

PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED		
Programme Name	Participating Organization	Date
Nurturing Future Leadership Program under the aegis of MMTTP, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India	-	Jan 05, 2026 to Jan 09, 2026
Executive Leadership Programme	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)	Jan 06, 2026 to Mar 14, 2026
Innovate & Impact Programme	-	Jan 10, 2026 to Jan 11, 2026
Executive Leadership Programme	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)	Jan 13, 2026 to Jan 17, 2026
A Leap Year Ahead Programme	Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL)	Jan 15, 2026 to Mar 14, 2026
Business Accelerator Programme in Collaboration with National SC-ST Hub (Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India)	-	Jan 18, 2026 to Mar 14, 2026
Finance for Non-Finance Executives	Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDI)	Jan 19, 2026 to Jan 21, 2026
MDP for Official Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions	Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI)	Jan 27, 2026 to Jan 31, 2026
4 Days Knowledge Immersion Programme on AI-Enabled Management	Institute for Future Education, Entrepreneurship and Leadership (iFEEL)	Feb 02, 2026 to Feb 05, 2026
MDP for Official Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions	Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI)	Feb 03, 2026 to Feb 07, 2026
Training on Building Team, Strategy, and Change for Sustained Performance	Usha Martin Limited	Feb 04, 2026 to Feb 04, 2026
Leadership and Managerial Development Program	Brihaspathi Technologies Limited	Feb 05, 2026 to Feb 07, 2026
Advanced Marketing Strategies for Future-Ready Postal Services	India Post	Mar 20, 2026 to Mar 20, 2026

PROGRAMMES CONCLUDED

Programme Name	Concluding / Valedictory Date
Executive Post Graduate Certification in Supply Chain Management (Cohort 1)	Jan 4, 2026
Post Graduate Certification in Leadership and Change Management (Cohort 2)	Jan 25, 2026
Executive Post Graduate Certification in Product Management (Cohort 1)	Feb 3, 2026
3-month CXO Programme	Mar 18, 2026



Seminars Conducted between Jan 01, 2026 & Mar 31, 2026

Thursday Seminar Series Details

Speaker	Topic	Date
Prof. Santosh Kumar Prusty	Traditional-knowledge-based Family and Community Businesses in India: Role of Caste	Jan 8, 2026
Prof. Gautam Pal	Multimodal Analytics of Text, Image, and Video	Jan 15, 2026
Prof. Sobhan Sarkar	Movie Review Helpfulness Prediction using Semantic Alignment and Evidential Fusion-based Multimodal Approach	Jan 29, 2026
Prof. Anupriya Khan	Social Media as a Tool for Sustainable Development in India	Feb 5, 2026
Prof. Neelu	Case Study: How the Airline Landed in the Traveller's Zone of Intolerance	Feb 12, 2026
Prof. Deepak Kumar	Acquirer ESG and M&A Speed: Information, Reputation, and Transaction Frictions	Feb 19, 2026
Prof. Allen Joshua George	Costs and Consequences of Gendered Leisure among Indian Working Women: The Role of Culture and Context	Feb 26, 2026
Prof. Kumar Shaurav	The Linkage between Corruption and Government Expenditures in Case of India	Mar 5, 2026
Prof. Sobhan Sarkar	Is Prediction Enough? A Dynamic Graph Attention and Reinforcement Learning Framework for Automated Trading	Mar 12, 2026

Thinking with Theory Series

Research Methods Group

Speaker	Topic	Date
Prof. Santosh Kumar Prusty	Theory Building through Modeling and Simulation	Jan 6, 2026
Prof. Charvaak Pati	When Markets Meet Morality: Theories of Moral Economy	Jan 13, 2026
Mousam Maiti	Rethinking Contract Strategies: Theoretical Interpretations Beyond Equilibrium Analysis	Jan 27, 2026

Speaker	Topic	Date
Prof. Subhra Rajat Balabantaray	From Weber to Gig Economy: The Evolution of Power and Control in Management Theories	Feb 10, 2026
Prof. Vikash Pathe	Theory and Experience : An Indian Context	Mar 10, 2026
Prof. Aditya Aggarwal	Understanding Conflict and Identity in the Middle East	Mar 24, 2026



Closing Remarks

As we conclude this edition at the beginning of 2026, we reflect on a period defined by vibrant academic engagement, meaningful collaborations, and significant institutional milestones. The new year marks not just a passage of time, but a renewed commitment to innovation, inclusivity, and impact-driven education at IIM Ranchi. From conferences and conclaves to global partnerships and AI-led academic initiatives, the Institute continues to evolve in response to a dynamic and changing world. These achievements reaffirm our focus on excellence, relevance, and societal contribution. As we step into 2026 with renewed energy, we look forward to deepening global linkages, fostering innovation, and creating lasting impact through education, research, and thought leadership.

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