

Jharkhand has huge potential for development: Singh

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Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ranchi's outgoing Director, Prof Shailendra Singh today completed his tenure. He will join his parent institute IIM Lucknow. The tenure of IIM Ranchi was marred with controversies as a section of staff and professor was upset with his style of functioning, but Singh despite all odds and obstructions became the first director of the institute to complete his tenure as director.

Singh during his five year tenure has carried out infrastructure work to academic improvement. The construction work of the institute started in March 2019 with construction work of the campus nearing completion. IIM Ranchi set up in 2009 was running from rented accommodation at Suchna Bhawan and the institute was also facing difficulties in getting land for a permanent campus.

But, after Singh assumed charge of director, the institute not only received land at Pundag area but even the construction work of the campus is in full swing. Singh, whose term completed today talking to a media person



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said, "The institute despite facing obstruction in the last five years is moving ahead. The campus construction work is in full swing and it will be completed soon. Apart from strengthening infrastructure, in the academic front too, the institute is moving fast. In 2009, the institute started its journey from 120 students in Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP) and 45 students in Human Resources (HR), presently its intake has gone to 400 students in PGP and 75 students in HR." "Apart from these the institute also offers Ph.D and other fellowship programmes which too are popular. In the last five year, the institute has intro-

duced three programmes which are a five year integrated programme in management, two year MBA in business analytics and two year MBA for executives," said Singh.

Singh said, "The state has huge potential. People of Jharkhand are hardworking and they have to build confidence for progress and development of the state. IIM Ranchi will always work and cooperate in the development of the state."

Singh is also credited with establishing three centres—Atal Bihari Vajpayee Centre for Leadership Policy & Governance, Birsa Munda Centre for Tribal Affairs and Rekhi Centre of Excellence for Science of Happiness.

The Atal Bihari Vajpayee centre for leadership, policy, and governance (ABVCLPG) aims to conduct multidisciplinary research in the domains of leadership, policy, and governance. The Birsa Munda Centre for Tribal Affairs aims to conduct intervention projects as well as research in the domain of tribal issues and opportunities. The centre will be committed for activities related to development of Tribal people.