

# Union min asks IIM-R students to be mentors for school, college goers

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**Ranchi:** The Union minister of state for education, Annapurna Devi, on Monday urged the students of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ranchi to play an active role in promoting Jharkhand's education and culture.

Addressing the students at Birsa Munda Centre for Tribal Affairs (BMCTA), she said, "Students of IIM can become mentors for those school as well as college students and guide them in planning their future. A majority of pupils are often confused regarding what to

do next in their career after passing their board exams." She added that IIM, Ranchi could also carry out research on the cultural aspects of Jharkhand, like the lifestyle of Tana Bhagats and the disciples of Mahatma Gandhi and help create awareness regarding such issues. She further said that BMCTA could take up lectures, short-term courses and research activities on tribal issues.

IIM-R director Shailendra Singh requested the minister to take steps for granting Rs 150 crore to help the institute build additional infrastructure. He added that presently, IIM can accommodate 666 students in its hostels but in the coming years, its strength would increase to 1,500. He also mentioned the various activities undertaken by IIM-R under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Van Dhan Vikas Kendra. Praveen Shanker Pandya, the chairman of the board of governors at IIM-R, spoke about the development of IIM Ranchi's new campus. Ranchi mayor Asha Lakra attended the function as well.

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Union minister of state for education Annapurna Devi at IIM Ranchi on Monday