

IIM Ranchi celebrated National Education Day on the occasion of Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. He was a great freedom fighter, eminent educationist and the first Union Minister of Education. Prof. Shailendra Singh, Director, IIM Ranchi addressed the faculty, students and staff who were present physically and connected through virtual mode.

Prof. Shailendra Singh, Director, IIM Ranchi said, "न चोरहार्यं न च राज्यहार्यं न भ्रातृभाज्यं न च भारकारी | व्यये कृते वर्धत एव नित्यं विद्या धनं सर्वधनप्रधानम् ||

Meaning: Unlike other forms of wealth, scholarship and learning can neither be stolen by a thief nor can the Government confiscate it, It is also not divisible among brothers as a share in ancestral wealth. On the other hand the more you spend it (shared with others) the more it increases day by day. No doubt, wealth in the form of knowledge, scholarship and learning is the foremost among all forms of wealth. He further added that a good company can help students get rid of all doubts and focus on their aim in life and added that education system should be devised in such a manner that it remains autonomous and transparent.

Prof. Piyali Ghosh also delivered a speech and said, "As a nation, we are taking great steps towards introducing and implementing a skill-based model to promote self-reliance and sustenance. This bold move would bear fruits only if we, as educationists, provide the essential conditions in schools and colleges to support the inclusion of the diverse range of learning preferences and needs found in the students of this era."

Chairperson (PGP) P.K. Bala also addressed the gathering and said that Education is the foundation of one's life and it starts from childhood. He further added that Education empowers the weaker as well as the elites of the society and it is not just confined to four walls.

At the end of the program the result of the debate competition held on the occasion was announced for which the topic was: The new education policy is too ideal to be implemented in a country like India!

And winners were as follows:

1st Prize: Rajat Ranjan-MBA, 2020-22

2nd Prize: Arsheen Kaur Chugh-MBA, 2020-22

3rd Prize: Tejaswi Varshney-MBA, 2020-22 and T Manikanta-MBA, 2019-21

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