

Rajnath urges IIM pupils to use tech to turn 'local into global'

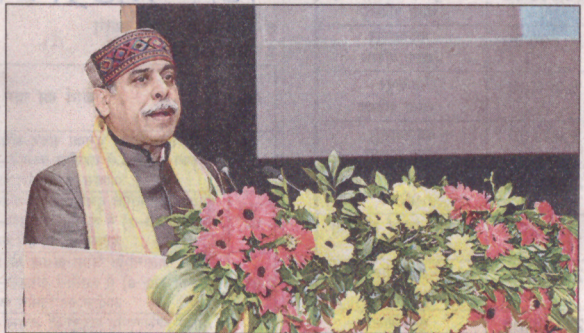
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Ranchi: Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Monday urged students of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ranchi to ensure that the benefits of India's growth reach the villages.

Addressing the ninth convocation of IIM Ranchi, he said young talents should help in promoting and strengthening local entrepreneurship with the help of technology so that the local becomes global.

Singh emphasised that Jharkhand, which is IIM Ranchi's catchment area and having immense mineral resources, can help push the country's technological advancement. He also highlighted that the state has various large, medium and small enterprises along with several reputed public and private firms, particularly heavy industries, having their bases in the state.

Singh also emphasised that the future of any country depends on the youth as they



IIM-Ranchi director Shailendra Singh speaks at the institute's ninth convocation ceremony in the state capital on Monday

were the source of innovation, invention and ideas. He said India has the potential to become a very powerful country as it has the largest youth population in the world.

The defence minister added that the ultimate aim of the country is to offer a brighter future for the millions of people through better education, nutrition and healthcare.

The director of IIM Ranchi, Shailendra Singh, said the institute has taken sev-

eral initiatives, including policy research, through the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Centre on Leadership, Policy and Governance and the Birsu Munda Centre for Tribal Studies.

The chairman of the board of governors for IIM Ranchi, Praveen Shanker Pandya, said, "Our goal is to be in the list of top five management institutes in India. A few years ago, we were in the top 30, and now we have reached the 17th position. I want it to be in the top five."