

Offbeat wisdom from TEDx speakers

ACHINTYA GANGULY

Ranchi: Will force separates a winner from the also-rans.

Eleven achievers spoke at the 6th edition of TEDx, held by IIM-Ranchi in CMPDI Complex on Sunday. Through life stories, each proved how he or she defied Murphy's Law that says if anything can go wrong it will go wrong.

Shubha Vilas

Spiritual seeker, author

Byte: I went out of my comfort zone thrice to find joy. I left my engineering job to study law, left it to join a monastery, left it to become an author

Ritu Saini

Acid attack survivor

Byte: You can ban acid sale in India, but it's difficult to remove the acid inside one's brain. Remove it to become a better person.

Rajendran Dandapani

Contra-academician, '(un)graduate' from IIT-Madras

Byte: We have to learn to do as we learn by doing

Ayesha Billimoria

Athlete, sports trainer, model

Byte: I overcame hurdles and won as I controlled my mind

Manasi Pradhan

Women's rights activist, author

Byte: I decided to study in an Odisha village where girls would be married off at 12



POWER TALK: Pawan G Agarwal (top) and Ayesha Billimoria speak at TEDx in CMPDI Complex in Ranchi on Sunday. Telegraph pictures

Priyadarshini Chatterjee

Miss India World 2016

Byte: I fell ill and had to undergo surgeries before my pageant but I did not give up

Mercy Tetseo

Folk singer

Byte: Coming from one of the farthest corners (Nagaland), we managed to connect because we are storytellers

Pawan G. Agrawal

Mumbai dabbawalla expert

Byte: It's not about the number of deliveries dabbawallas make,

it's more about how it's done

Ashok Bhagat

Padma Shri social worker

Byte: Inclusion is the key

Harshdeep Ahuja

Techie who makes fun videos

Byte: Know what makes you happy, do it, be unstoppable

Major General (retd)

PK Saigal

Heads two NGOs in education and disaster management

Byte: Love and passion for the nation helped me face danger and save others