

11 SPEAKERS FROM ACROSS INDIA WORTH LISTENING TO

Talks that can transform thoughts

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Ranchi: IIM-Ranchi will organise the 6th edition of its TEDx on Sunday.

Started in 1984 in the US, TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design) is a series of short and powerful talks based on its motto, Ideas worth spreading, which Shah Rukh Khan is helming for TED Talks India. But, when an institution organises a TED talk independently, a small x is suffixed to it, like in the case of IIM-Ranchi's TEDx.

The theme of this year's event at IIM-R, to be held at Mayuri Auditorium on

CMPDI complex, is 'Defiers of Murphy's Law'.

Murphy's Law says if anything can go wrong it will go wrong.

Though 'defier' is not accepted in Oxford dictionary yet, the word means those who are defiant or those who defy. "We have invited those who defied Murphy's Law and proved their worth by overcoming odds to share their experiences with the audience," co-convenor of the event Shlok Kumar explained the theme. "Eleven speakers from across the country will share their stories on Sunday and all have confirmed their participation," he added.



RUNWAY QUEEN:
Priyadarshini Chatterjee

Speakers include Pawan G. Agarwal, a motivational speaker who heads a charitable trust and has done extensive re-

search on Mumbai's dabbawallas; Major General (retired) P.K. Sehgal, former head of army air defence college who now heads two NGOs active in education and disaster management, and Rajendran Dandapani, who calls himself an (un)graduate from IIT-Madras and feels Indian education system needs a reboot.

Others include Harshdeep Ahuja, a software engineer who makes hilarious videos; Ayesha Billimoria, an athlete and sport trainer and model; Shubha Vilas, a motivational speaker.

Priyadarshini Chatterjee who was crowned Miss World 2016, Manasi Pradhan, author

and women's rights activist, Ritu Saini, an acid attack victim who had to drop out from school and give up playing state-level volleyball and now creates awareness towards this heinous crime, Mercy Tetseo who with three sisters promotes folk music in Nagaland as a vocal quartet, will also speak at the event.

The only local speaker this time is Padma Shri social worker Ashok Bhagat, who works for the uplift of prominently tribal population of rural Jharkhand.

*Do you think more institutions should organise such talks?
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