

State-of-art seminar hall comes up at IIM-R's permanent campus

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Ranchi: The Indian Institute of Management, (IIM) Ranchi on Monday inaugurated a seminar hall at its new campus in Mudma here.

The two-tier structure, spread across 3700 sq meters of area, has a seating capacity for 650 persons, a VIP lounge, a 21-seater conference room, a lobby and an elevator, among others.

Rajya Sabha member Parimal Nathwani, who has contributed Rs 13.56 crore from his local area development fund for the project, inaugurated the hall online and later said, "It is moment of great pride for me to inaugurate this world-class seminar hall at one of India's top management institutes. Since its inception, the IIM-R curriculum has focused on bridging the gap between what is taught at a management institute and what is actually needed by businesses."

He further said, "The seminar hall will be the bridge between academia and the corporate world. I hope to see it emerge as a major learning centre where top CEOs, industry experts and management gurus from India and world-over can come and teach, interact and share their knowledge with students and faculty members."

"The contract for developing the IIM Ranchi campus was signed in 2018 and just within two years the institute has got its first building inaugurated today for which the credit



IIM-Ranchi director Shailendra Singh (right) inaugurates the seminar hall in Mudma on Monday

goes to all the team members, contractor and the consultants," said institute director Shailendra Singh said while speaking at the inaugural event. He added that IIM Ranchi has achieved this milestone despite facing many challenges, the major one being the viral outbreak and the resultant lockdown. He even thanked Nathwani for providing his support to the institute.

Praveen Panya, the chairman of the Board of Governors of IIM Ranchi, also expressed his gratitude to Nathwani.

Sources said that the auditorium will become a meeting ground for intellectuals from India and abroad. This auditorium in future will host many intellectual discussions and meetings ensuring the top-most quality in learning, ma-

agement studies and research.

IIM, Ranchi, which has been functioning in Suchna Bhawan since July 2010, has been facing acute infrastructural constraints and often it would use seminar halls of other institutes for conducting its programmes.

The new campus is being built at a cost of Rs 280.45 crore and it would have separate buildings for administrative staff, faculty members and will have hostels, a director's residence, a dining hall and a community centre.

Earlier, the IIM campus was to be built in Nagri but the land could not be acquired due to protest by the locals. Later, the state government planned to set up the campus at Cheri in Kanke block but it could not acquire any private land there.