

Vaibhav Dange mentors IIM-R students for MGNF Programme

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Following the advice of the Union government, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ranchi like other premiere IIMs has started to train its students associated with Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship Program (2021-23) for filling up the skill centric gaps within the society. On Monday, as many as seven to eight district officials from Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu joined this session wherein IIM Ranchi is working in partnership with the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. Interestingly, Vaibhav Dange, a public policy expert in infrastructure, governance, business, and management was among the external mentors training these young minds of Ranchi in the 2021-23 batch of the mentioned fellowship programme. In an interaction with The Pioneer, he shared the benefits of the programme with his personal experiences. Experts:

How will IIM Ranchi students benefit the society under MGNF Programme?



We are basically here to groom the budding managers on how to plan and execute the skill based activities in the society by filling up the geographical and social gaps. In almost a year experts from different spheres will address them and enrich their respective understanding. In turn, these youngsters will act as 'Think Tank'.

How are the IIMs connected to this policy?

Every IIM has been given a certain number of districts from two states. These places are to be empowered with skills among the denizens.

What other responsibilities are you looking at?

I am recently engaged as Senior Expert with EBTC-European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC), a project advisory and facilitation organization promoting and enabling smart collaborations between the two regions.

What are your academic inclinations?

I have authored and presented several strategic policy recommendations and papers at various levels. My paper, presented at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi on Bio

Diesel Program organised by the former President of India, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam was included in the proceedings of the conference.

I co-authored a Chapter on 'Transport & Highways' with Mr K J Alphons, a former Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha and former Union Minister. The book is a compilation of articles by personalities like Mr Amitabh Kant, Governor Kerala Mr Arif Mohamad Khan and other senior retired bureaucrats and diplomats. Mr Ajit Doval has written a foreword.

What is the theme of your latest book?

Recently the book 'Building Bridges' Shaping the future was released. It tells the inspiring journey of a bunch of tenacious engineers who aspire to create a modern India with the most advanced bridge surveillance and management system. The book, co-authored with Sachidanand Joshi, charts out in a story form the historical events that led to evolution of Indian Bridge Management System (IBMS).