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IIM Ranchi Revamps Curriculum, Includes Courses On Tribes In India And Tribal Language

The premier management institute undertook the rehaul to be “in sync with the times and bring the latest developments in the industry and the society to the classroom”, **SUDHIR KUMAR MISHRA** reports

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IIM Ranchi

Retreat, held after a long interval.

The changes are deep and comprehensive and have been aimed to bring the latest developments in the industry and the society to the classroom, IIM Ranchi stated on Thursday.

The compulsory courses of the undergraduate part of the Integrated Programme in Management (IPM) has undergone a sea change with new courses like Science of Happiness, Sustainability, Social Work, and Tribes in India, which aim to provide a holistic learning experience of important life skills while also connecting them to the roots. Students also have the possibility to learn a local tribal language in the language elective course scheduled in the second year.

Compulsory courses in the three terms of the second year have been completely replaced with elective courses.

As things stand, IIM Ranchi has a Birsa Munda Centre for Tribal Affairs, primarily tasked to conduct intervention projects as well as research on tribal issues and opportunities. The Centre was established to come out with recommendations and activities for the development of tribal communities in the country.

The institute recently held a first of its kind Young Changemakers Programme “to inspire a generation of young leaders who will bring about a tangible social impact and lead organisations with a global outlook and local responsiveness”. The rural immersion boot camp, under the YCP, provided a unique platform for students to explore tribal villages, understand their challenges, and collaboratively develop practical solutions.

As for the courses, in the post-graduate programmes, the concept of elective courses received a major boost as the second year in all the three full time post graduate programmes of the institute, have been made completely flexible. The Institute feels students will benefit from these courses and explore new domains and create a unique niche for themselves while increasing their employability quotient at the same time.



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The first year of the post graduate programmes has also undergone a deep change, and existing courses have been replaced with new courses wherever required to reflect the latest developments like the one titled 'Ethical Issues in AI' in the MBA-Business Analytics Programme, and a course on 'Ethics, Governance and Sustainability' in the Executive MBA Programme.

Elective courses called "Enrichment Electives' have also been introduced across all the first three years of the IPM. These Enrichment Electives would provide a fresh perspective to students through courses like cinematography, Socratic Dialogues, Water Management, Sports Management, Story Telling, Human Connect, Drama and Theatre, Art and Painting among others.

Considering the focus on Liberal Arts as a part of the comprehensive revamp of the courses, the Institute has also created a new area called Liberal Arts and Sciences through the merger of pre-existing General Management and Humanities and Applies Sciences Areas.

In Numbers

49.4%

Female Literacy rate of Scheduled Tribes