

# Try to learn from Vajpayee, vice-prez tells city students

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**Ranchi:** Vice-president M Venkaiah Naidu on Sunday said that any person who has got an understanding of the issues related to common man and helps people is a leader; not someone who is just a member of a political party. "Bringing prosperity with one's ability, mobility, and stability are signs of a good leader and that comes only with good character and calibre," he said.

Naidu was in city to deliver a lecture on 'leadership qualities and good governance', organised by Atal Bihari Vajpayee Centre for leadership policy and governance of IIM-Ranchi. He called upon students to imbibe the values of late prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee for the greater good. "Governance was very close to his heart and I think by formulating innovative policies and ensuring time-bound delivery of services to all, we will be able to pay him a tribute," said Naidu.

Naidu also thanked IIM Ranchi for naming the multidisciplinary research centre after Vajpayee and said: "I am very thankful to the premier institute for naming this centre after the great leader and I think we need to establish such centres at all IITs and IIMs to nurture young professionals so that these can produce leaders like Vajpayee ji."

Recounting his association with the late prime minister, Naidu said, "I used to go around villages on bullock cart requesting people to participate in Vajpayee ji's public meeting whenever he visited Andhra Pradesh and had never thought that I will ever get close to him. But then I got a chance to work with him and



Venkaiah Naidu in Ranchi on Sunday

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learnt a lot about politics and administration from him.

"We need to disseminate his ideas on governance and policy through research and networking events among the young professionals so that they should also be able to lead the country as and when required."

When a student asked what was the most difficult challenge for him, Naidu smiled and said that not being able to express himself freely, owing to restraints of holding a constitutional post, after spending 45 years in public life was a challenge. Earlier during the programme, he had remarked that society should do away with the colonial practice of addressing one as his/her excellency.