

Team of IIM-Nagpur students wins third prize in 'Transform Maharashtra' event



Representational Pic

Nagpur: A team of students from IIM Nagpur has won third prize under Judges' Choice category in the 'Transform Maharashtra' event. 'Team Enlightened Minds', led by Tejasvi Rana, has been invited to Mumbai to take part in the Finale Event being held on Monday, May 1. The team presented its solution on 'Balancing the scales: Expediting justice through technology'.

The event was attended Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and other personalities such as Amitabh Bachchan, Aamir Khan, Chanda Kocchar, Urjit Patel, Vishal Sikka and ministers of Central and State Governments.

'Transform Maharashtra', an initiative by the Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, has become one of the most dynamic platforms ever created in Maharashtra's history to promote inclusive governance. It is a state-wide competition which invited solutions from the college students across the state on 11 socio-economic challenges faced by Maharashtra such as drought issue, corruption, urban poverty, digital divide, etc. The initiative has twin objectives of crowd sourcing the innovative solutions to Maharashtra's long-term concerns as well as encouraging active involvement of youth in policy planning.

The competition witnessed around 2500 submissions from around 15,000 students across Maharashtra. The students from Indian Institute of Management Nagpur also enthusiastically participated in the competition. A total of six teams from Indian Institute of Management Nagpur submitted their solutions in the competition. The students gave their solutions on the themes 'Moulding the future: Reforming Rural Education', 'Balancing the scales: Expediting justice through technology' and 'By the people: Citizen engagement in Governance'. The best solutions were taken out by the help of subject matter experts and online voting that created quite a buzz on the internet with more than 6 lakhs votes casted. Results were announced in early April. Team Enlightened Minds of IIM Nagpur won third position in Judges' Choice category. The team submitted its solution on 'Balancing the scales: Expediting justice through technology' which included suggestions ranging from implementation of ERP to setting up an Expert System. The winners shall be given prizes and an opportunity to present their solutions to the Chief Minister on Maharashtra Day.

This is the first time in Maharashtra that students will discuss with the Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on issues concerning the state. The event will be graced by presence of Major General Anuj Mathur; Bhavish Aggarwal, CEO, Olacabs; among others. An exhibition showcasing the innovative ideas / solutions / projects by other students of Maharashtra, who could not participate in the competition, is being held on the occasion.

'Transform Maharashtra' initiative in itself, and the fact that on one of the most significant days for the state, the Chief Minister has given utmost priority to a youth and industry-oriented initiative, demonstrate his commitment towards his agenda of development. The intent of the Government, proven capability of the involved experts, and excitement of students assure us of a better Maharashtra in very near future.