



IIM Raipur hosts 13th Edition of Gyanvarsha

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THE INDIAN Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur hosted 13th edition of Gyanvarsha featuring Shyam Parande, Secretary of Sewa International. Director of IIM Raipur Professor Ram Kumar Kakani set tone for session by warmly welcoming dignitaries and attendees, paving way for an enlightening discourse.

Professor Kakani expressed gratitude for Shyam Parande's presence, acknowledging the profound impact of Sewa International's contributions to global humanitarian efforts. Shyam Parande commenced the session by highlighting Sewa International's vital contributions, citing instances from the Ukraine-Russia war and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parande highlighted organisation's global footprint with 25 plus countries, 5000 plus volunteers, and 75 plus disaster relief missions. Drawing on real-life



Secretary of Sewa International Shyam Parande addressing students at IIM Raipur.

scenarios, he narrated Sewa International's rapid response, notably during the Ukraine-Russia war, where volunteers grew from 20 to 300, facilitating the return of Indian citizens and aiding 1200 Nigerian students.

Parande emphasised significance of the Indian diaspora, quoting Atal Bihari

Vajpayee on how every Indian abroad carries a piece of Bharat with them. Stressing service without distinctions. He highlighted Sewa International's achievements, including global tree planting and being the go-to organisation in crises, recognised even by the US police force.

Parande delved into Sewa International's flagship programme, LEAD - High school student volunteer development, showcasing the organisation's commitment beyond crisis management to education, livestock, and infrastructure development. Parande concluded by asserting the diaspora as a powerful medium to propagate the ethos of service globally. The event concluded with Dr Anand Joshi presenting a token of appreciation to Shyam Parande, symbolising gratitude for profound insights shared. Professor Chavda extended a vote of thanks, acknowledging Parande's contribution to reshaping global service and community engagement perspectives.