

Padma Shri Dr Amte shares his experience at IIM's 'Gyanvarsha'

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INDIAN Institute of Management Raipur (IIM Raipur) hosted the 15th edition of Gyanvarsha featuring esteemed guests Dr Prakash Baba Amte and Dr Mandakini Amte. The event, held under the theme 'Bridging Communities: Social Impact and Conservation' showcased the exemplary work and shared vision of the renowned humanitarian duo.

A distinguished physician, social worker and humanitarian Dr Prakash Baba Amte is the founder of Lok Biradari Prakalp, Hemalkasa, dedicated to the upliftment of the Madia Gond tribe in the Dandakaranya forest region.

Dr Prakash Amte's tireless



Padma Shri Dr Prakash Baba Amte and Dr Mandakini Amte sharing their experience in upliftment of Madia Gond tribe at IIM Raipur's Gyanvarsha programme.

efforts in empowering marginalised communities and fostering harmony between humans and animals have earned him numerous accolades, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award and the Padma Shri.

Dr Mandakini Amte, a dedicated Medical Officer and advocate for the Madia Gond Tribal community, has been instrumental in the success of Lok Biradari Prakalp, Hemalkasa, since 1974.

Her impactful contributions

to humanitarian medical services have garnered recognition both nationally and internationally, including the Adivasi Sevak Award and the Sheikh Hamdan International Award.

Dr Prakash Baba Amte shared insights into their journey of serving the marginalised communities, particularly the Madia Gond tribe, in remote regions. He highlighted the challenges faced in introducing modern medicine while respecting indigenous beliefs and practices.

Dr Prakash Amte emphasised the transformative power of education in empowering individuals, enabling them to realise their rights and acquire vocational skills for self-sustainability. He shared heartwarming anecdotes of

students who, under their guidance, have excelled academically and returned to their communities to contribute positively, embodying the spirit of giving back.

Similarly, Dr Mandakini Amte emphasised the importance of holistic approaches, addressing not only healthcare and education but also environmental concerns like wildlife conservation.

Director of IIM Raipur Ram Kumar Kakani reflected on the couple's exemplary leadership and their embodiment of the event's theme. He underscored the need for collaborative efforts in addressing social and environmental issues for sustainable development.

The event concluded with Professor Arunima Shah delivering a vote of thanks.

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