

IIM -R organises discussion on innovation in health

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Raipur: The Indian Institute of Management Raipur (IIM Raipur), in association with Stanford's Biodesign, conducted a round table discussion on innovation in health for Chhattisgarh.

The roundtable saw participation from senior officials of the state govt, the National Health Mission (NHM), officials from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Raipur, the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur, along with representatives from IIM Raipur and the Stanford Biodesign Team.

Director of IIM Raipur, Ram Kumar Kakani initiated the discussion by outlining its context and priorities. Professor Kakani highlighted the necessity of healthcare services in rural areas.

The deliberation emphasized the crucial need for innovation in healthcare to reach those in need, emphasizing the potential of telemedicine and technology in extending healthcare services to the remote areas. They



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discussed the problem faced by patients who have to travel to major cities for treatment. The group recognized the necessity of reducing the burden on tertiary hospitals like AIIMS in cities by providing treatment in local towns or cities or via telemedicine.

The group discussed the challenges in the field of healthcare, one of the major challenges being the shortage of human resources in remote areas. The group concluded that technology could bridge this gap. They noted that existing govt policies such as the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) could be leveraged for healthcare innovation. The group agreed to reconvene for further deliberations in July 2024.