

## IIM, AIIMS conduct medical camp at Pontha

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INDIAN Institute of Management (IIM) Raipur in collaboration with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Raipur and Pranyas Foundation, successfully organised a medical camp at Pontha Village of Raipur on Wednesday.

With this initiative, essential healthcare services were provided in Orthopaedics, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Dental and Surgery concerns to the residents of Pontha and the neighbouring villages of Cheriya and Banjari, benefitting about 500 to 1,000 villagers who were aged above 40 years. Since, large rural population are facing challenges such as inaccessibility to quality healthcare, this camp featured a team of expert doctors from AIIMS Raipur who offered specialised support, creating a significant and positive impact on the health and well-being of

the individuals in these underserved villages and ensuring holistic care for them.

Reflecting on the successful organisation of the camp, Deputy Nursing Superintendent at AIIMS Raipur Dr Pradeep Kumar Jekka, said, "IIM Raipur has taken a good initiative conducting this health camp in coordination with Saksham Committee and AIIMS Raipur that has benefited individuals from the tribal areas."

Commenting on the future plans, Dr Jekka further stated, "Our main target is to cover Sickle Cell Disease that is more prevalent in these tribal areas. We are also planning to conduct the blood donation camp and cover the child and paediatric group as well."

Expressing the village's appreciation for the initiative, Sarpanch of Pontha village Gaurav Sharma said, "It is a good initiative to set-up better health facilities in villages and we don't

have proper primary health care facilities around us, so in the future if this can be improved, the quantity of medicines can be increased and better service can be provided, it will help our fellow villagers who currently have to travel 10-20 kms to private clinics and chambers for their health conditions."

Earlier, Saksham committee of IIM Raipur in collaboration with the Niine Foundation also successfully concluded a Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Camp in the schools of Kurru and Uparwara villages, Raipur that focused on raising awareness about menstrual health by encouraging open conversations for a more inclusive and informed society. Highlighting the importance of menstrual hygiene as a matter of education and empowerment, it helped in educating young girls, challenging taboos and driving meaningful change in rural and underprivileged communities.