

# Daan Utsav - the joy of giving week observed

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DAAN Utsav - The joy of giving week was celebrated throughout the nation from October 2 to 8, with participants ranging from auto rickshaw drivers to CEOs, school children to celebrities, homemakers to opinion leaders and media personnel; millions of people from all walks of life come together during this week to give their time, money, resources, or skills back to society. Kartavya - the CSR club of IIM Raipur has been celebrating Daan Utsav since last four years, and successfully carried out the celebration of the festival this year again with more energy and new ways of giving back.

The event was inaugurated by Dr Dhananjay Bapat, Chairperson, Students Affairs Committee, IIM Raipur. Kartavya conducted various events in this year's Daan Utsav week. One of the major highlights was "Vartalaap" the guest lecture session, which provided a platform to the students of IIM Raipur to learn from corporate leaders and social change agents. The guest of honor for Vartalaap was Meher Gadekar, Director of Social Audit Unit, Government of Chhattisgarh who spoke on the topic 'MNREGA' and how social audit brings in good governance.

Kartavya in association with Goonj



IIM Raipur students interacting with students of a middle school at Cheriya village.

-a non-governmental organisation in Raipur also organised the Cloth Donation campaign at IIM Raipur during the Daan Utsav week. The team also visited a nearby middle school at Cheriya village and interacted with the students of the school. They received a very cheerful response from the young minds. The team enlightened them on various subjects like the importance of education, substance abuse, and personal healthcare.

Keeping up with the same spirit, some other events are also planned following the Daan Utsav. Kartavya in

collaboration with the Red Cross Society is going to organise Blood Donation Camp, where the students and the staff members of IIM Raipur will be participating to donate their blood. "A day at IIM Raipur" initiative will be organised for the children of nearby schools.

The students will get a chance to visit the new advance campus of IIM Raipur and experience the life and learning at IIM Raipur. This will help to induce in them a dream and spark for studying in a premier institute like IIM Raipur.