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Shri Harivansh Ji, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, delivers talk on Democracy at IIT (ISM) as part of Viksit Bharat@2047 talk series.

Shri Harivansh Ji, Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha delivered a lecture on Democracy at Penman Auditorium of IIT (ISM) during the talk series, titled Viksit Bharat@2047 organized by Department of Corporate Communications of the institute.

The Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, while addressing a gathering of students, research scholars, faculty members, officers and staff of IIT (ISM) led by Director, Prof J K Pattanayak, said, "Democracy is most favoured system of governance and India is making rapid strides as a one of the largest democratic country". As per the one of the most accepted definition of democracy, the common people are at the centre of democracy and the Arthshastra of Kautilya also mentions the same in the first chapter itself.

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"The democratic values are being observed while democratic spirit and democratic space are lying there in the ethos, lifestyle, thinking and behaviour of ours since the Vedic age of more than 5000 years ago" said Shri Harivansh Ji.

He also spoke at length about ancient history of democracy in different parts of the country and the literature, coins and other articles derived from the archaeological survey prove the existence of democracy in India during the Rigvedic period.

Prof JK Pattanayak, Director IIT (ISM) delivered the welcome address while Prof Rajni Singh, Dean Corporate Communications introduced the guest speaker to the gathering.

The talk series, Conceptualized, Visualized and Imagined by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji began at the institute on October 6 with the lecture of Captain Yashika Hatwal Tyagi, Kargil War Veteran who spoke on Rising Nari Shakti; Women Empowerment in India besides gender equality and other related issues.

Prof Srikanta Mishra, Research Professor, Petroleum Engineering, Texas A&M University who is also a distinguished alumnus of Petroleum Engineering (1981 batch) during his visit to his alma mater on November 7 also talked about "Vedic Graduation Advices and its relevance in 21st Century" as second lecture of the Talk Series held on November 7 in the institute.

Notably, a host of other lectures on different themes like Policies for the Poor and Marginal; Skill Development; Energy; Reforms and Resurgence Craft of Governance in India; Environmental Cosmos and Policies; Tech Powered India; Computing and Communication; Sports and Rising India; Chadrayan 3 and G-20 Presidency and its Global Impact are also likely to be held under the programme.

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