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IIMA to organize the Sixth Tirath Gupta Memorial Lecture on March 24, 2010

IIMA, March 22, 2010: The Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad is organizing the Sixth Tirath Gupta Memorial Lecture on **"Local Government and Natural Resource Management" on March 24, 2010** at **5.30 pm** at the Ravi J Matthai Auditorium (RJMCEI), IIMA Main Campus.

Dr. Rabindra K. Singh (IFS), Director, Chhattisgarh State Institute of Rural Development and a Senior Forest Officer would deliver the lecture. He would discuss how innovative and well meaning policy reforms cannot deliver the desired outcomes unless supported by appropriate legal and administrative reforms.

About the Speaker:

Dr Rabindra K Singh, IFS

Currently Director, Chhattisgarh State Institute of Rural Development, Raipur, Dr Rabindra K Singh IFS, played a key role in development of the vision and Perspective Plan of the Institute. A passion for environmental sustainability and a keen interest in institutional and governance issues led him to introduce participatory forest management in the central province of India and prepared the first HRD plan of Madhya Pradesh Forest Department.

With a mission to educate and train the forestry masses, Dr Singh introduced distance learning technologies and multi-mode training services to reach out to a large number of participants and supervised management of 13 Forest Schools in different parts of MP.

With professional membership in various national committees in Ministries of Environment and Forests, the Panchayati Raj, Government of India, Dr Singh also earned the distinction of representing the State Government in negotiations with World Bank and FAO for finalizing project agreements. He is working towards facilitating interaction between local and state governments to ensure realistic formulation of policies.

His philanthropic initiatives include supervision of rehabilitation of flood-affected villages, organization of blood donation camps and eye camps, and adult education.