

# Acharya Prashant's first visit to Chhattisgarh: Four days, four venues, a state encounters a national dialogue

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Philosopher and author Acharya Prashant, who is an IIT Delhi and IIM Ahmedabad alumnus and founder of PrashantAdvait Foundation, concluded his first-ever visit to Chhattisgarh on April 27, 2026, having conducted dialogue sessions at NIT Raipur, AIIMS Raipur, the Pandit Dindayal Upadhyay Auditorium and the Crossword Book-A-Thon at PVR, Magneto Mall over four consecutive days. The public session at the Dindayal Upadhyay Auditorium alone drew over one lakh online participants alongside a capacity in-person audience; crowds were reported to have gathered outside the venue approximately two hours before the session began. AIIMS Raipur's administration suspended UG, PG and resident fellow classes to enable maximum attendance at his session there.

The visit marked Chhattisgarh's entry into a national tour that has taken Acharya Prashant to 14 IITs across 19 Indian cities along with IISc, IIM, NIT and AIIMS campuses, multiple literature festivals and public venues in Delhi, Patna, Kolkata, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Pune, among other cities, according to PrashantAdvait Foundation. His book *Truth Without Apology*, published by HarperCollins in September 2025 and a national bestseller as per Nielsen BookScan and Amazon, has been the backdrop to many of these engagements. His primary Hindi YouTube channel has surpassed 60 million subscribers, making it the most-subscribed wisdom channel on the platform; his total following across all platforms exceeds 100 million, as per recent news reports. His previous engagements on the national tour have been covered by news agencies and outlets including IANS, ANI, PTI, NDTV and Dainik Bhaskar.

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nationally, involved no prepared address: students raised questions and received direct responses. A highlight of the session was a rangoli of Acharya Prashant's image on campus grounds, a work of three days made by a student of the institute that became a centre of attention before the session began.

When a student raised the question of passion as a career guide, Acharya Prashant asked the room whether the interests people identify as their own are genuinely self-chosen or assembled from social conditioning and external expectation. The session was followed by a book signing that extended well beyond its scheduled duration.

A day later, on March 25, AIIMS Raipur hosted the second session. The institution's administration suspended UG, PG and resident fellow classes after 4 PM, a decision that brought together doctors, medical students, residents and faculty in an auditorium that reached capacity before the dialogue began. Prior to the session, Acharya Prashant met AIIMS Raipur Director Lieutenant General (Retd.) Ashok Kumar Jindal for a discussion on the institution's academic and medical functioning.

The session addressed the relationship between a physician's self-understanding and the quality of care delivered. Acharya Prashant argued that clinical competence and inner clarity operate together rather than independently, and that the compassion distinguishing an exceptional physician from a technically adequate one is not produced by medical training alone. He also took questions on violence against doctors, the psychological demands of the profession, and the place of self-inquiry alongside scientific knowledge in medical practice. A book signing followed.

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### ty Auditorium, a Lakh Online

tour's largest session by attendance took place on March 26 at the Pandit Dindyal Dhyay Auditorium. Crowds had gathered outside the venue approximately two hours before the scheduled start. Over one lakh participants joined via online platforms.

It was Navratri. Acharya Prashant opened by drawing from the Durga Saptashati, connecting the tradition's reverence for Prakriti to contemporary ecological concerns. He argued that the ritual's orientation toward nature as Devi carried within it a specific claim: that the living world is not available for extraction but deserving of the regard the tradition had historically extended to it.

The Q&A covered a wide range. Responding to a question about the limited media coverage of the State of India's Environment Report 2026, he said that such issues gain public prominence only when ordinary people begin to treat them as a priority, and that the problem is not confined to editorial decisions. He framed the climate crisis as having psychological roots, linking ecological indifference to what he described as an absence of love in daily life. A young girl waiting on the red carpet got a chance to shake hands with him as he entered the auditorium; the moment drew a visible response from the crowd around her.

### The Final Day: Media, Mall, and a Closing Session

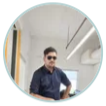
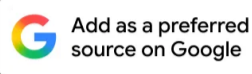
On March 27, the Crossword Book-A-Thon at PVR, Magneto Mall hosted the tour's closing session. Attendees arrived from across the state and other parts of the country. Media representatives from Doordarshan, Dainik Bhaskar, IBC24, Bansal News and Rajasthan Patrika were present, conducting one-on-one interviews with Acharya Prashant on social and philosophical issues.

Addressing the gathering, he said that spirituality functions not as a domain separate from everyday life but as a mode of honest self-examination applicable to ordinary decisions and relationships. On career and life choices, he said that clarity about one's inner state is a more reliable guide than the pursuit of external markers of success. Large numbers of attendees

Each of the four venues drew a distinct audience: engineering students at NIT, medical professionals at AIIMS, a cross-section of the general public at the civic auditorium, and bookstore visitors at PVR. Across all four, the format involved no prepared address and no pre-screened questions. The Raipur visit was his first in Chhattisgarh. His national tour continues with planned sessions in Delhi-NCR and Nagpur.

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