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**TN Talk - News content**

The Directorate of Public Libraries under the School Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu has initiated a program called "TN Talk" (Tamil Nadu Talk), a program for sharing knowledge through talks and presentations by leading personalities. Modeled on the lines of Ted Talks, the goal of this program is to inspire, inform and educate the public of Tamil Nadu through the dissemination of cutting-edge ideas and concepts.

TN talk will therefore feature a series of talks by doyens from important domains in science, technology, social sciences, humanities, and governance which can shape the attitudes of citizens on critical matters as well as contribute to competence building among researchers, students, and actors from the government, civil society and the private sector.

On this line, we are glad to invite Ramon Magsaysay awardees **Dr Prakash Amte** and **Dr Mandakini Amte** for the 4th TN talk series on the title **Odyssey of Community Service: A Personal Reflection**. The Talk is planned to be organised at **Anna Centenary Library Auditorium, Kotturpuram, Chennai on 26.5.23 from 6:00 pm onwards**.

Dr Prakash Amte is also the son of Mr Baba Amte who himself is a Ramon Magsaysay awardee and is also called as the Modern Gandhi of India.

Doctors by profession, They dedicated their life to contribute for the wellness of people in Hemalkasa village, Maharashtra. Dr Prakash Amte started a project called Lok Biradari Praklap in 1973 which helped in the development of tribal people from Madura Gond. His project led to the formation of Lok Biradari Praklap Davakhana which provides medical assistance to the tribal people.

He also opened up an orphanage for wild animals called the Animal Ark. It is a home to young wild animals whose parents get haunted by villagers for food. His wife, Dr. Mandakini Amte helped him in following his dreams.

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