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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Anchors Emerging Jharkhand Conclave to Drive Sustainable, Inclusive Growth

The Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad played a central role as Knowledge Partner in the successful two-day Emerging Jharkhand Conclave held on December 13 and 14 at Raj Vilas Luxury Resort, Dhanbad, reaffirming its commitment to driving sustainable, inclusive and innovation-led development in the state. The conclave brought together academia, industry, policymakers and social leaders on a common platform to strengthen Academia–Industry collaboration aimed at supporting industries, MSMEs, start-ups and the development of indigenous technologies crucial for Jharkhand’s growth trajectory.

Anchored in IIT (ISM) Dhanbad’s legacy of excellence in mining, energy and earth sciences, the conclave deliberated on key technical themes such as sustainable mining and critical minerals, coal utilisation, clean energy and environmental stewardship, alongside socio-economic priorities including strengthening local livelihoods, women and tribal empowerment, environmental conservation and promotion of culture and tourism. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Manoj Agarwal, CMD, BCCL, who appreciated the initiative and underscored the importance of such collaborative platforms for the holistic upliftment of Jharkhand.

Distinguished speakers including Prof. A. K. Mishra, Director, CSIR–CIMFR, Priya Ranjan, DIC, Bokaro Steel Limited, and Vir Pratap, DDG HQ, DGMS, shared valuable perspectives on responsible mining and sustainable industrial practices. Eminent faculty members of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Prof. D. K. Singh, Prof. Biswajit Paul and Prof. Sahendra Singh, along with Dr. R. E. Masto of CSIR–CIMFR, highlighted how academic research, innovation and technology development from IIT (ISM) can address complex industry and societal challenges.

On the second day, Padma Shri awardee Jamuna Tudum emphasized women and tribal empowerment and environmental protection as pillars of inclusive development, while Shashi Prakash Jha, IAS, Director, NHM Jharkhand, shared insights on health and social welfare. Actor Zeeshan Qadri highlighted Jharkhand’s cultural richness and creative potential. Convener Prof. Shalini Gautam and Co-Convener Dr. Amrit Anand of IIT (ISM) reiterated the institute’s alignment with Viksit Bharat @2047 and national missions such as Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The organizers expressed gratitude to Director Prof. Sukumar Mishra and Deputy Director Prof. Dheeraj Kumar for their guidance and support in making the conclave a meaningful step toward a self-reliant and developed Jharkhand.

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