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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Announces Commencement of Its Centenary Foundation Week *Celebrating 100 Years of Legacy (1926–2025)*

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad is set to enter a historic moment as it prepares to celebrate its 100th Foundation Day. Established in 1926 on the model of the Royal School of Mines, London, the institute began as the Indian School of Mines and Applied Geology and has since played a central role in supporting India's industrial, scientific and technological progress.

Over the years, IIT (ISM) has grown from a specialised centre for mining education into a comprehensive technological university. Its academic profile today includes earth sciences, petroleum engineering, renewable energy, artificial intelligence, modern computational fields and several emerging disciplines linked to national development. The institute's alumni, many of whom have made notable contributions in industry, research and public service, continue to reflect its long-standing commitment to excellence.

As the Centenary Foundation Week approaches, the campus is gearing up for a series of events that will highlight both the institute's heritage and its aspirations for the future. The inaugural ceremony will set the tone for the celebrations, with reflections on India's progress and the institute's role in shaping scientific and technological capabilities. Throughout the week, academic deliberations will take place on subjects such as critical minerals, sustainable energy transitions, environmental conservation, Indian Knowledge Systems, women-led innovation, mining technologies, artificial intelligence, and renewable energy.

Alongside academic sessions, the campus will host technology demonstrations showcasing advanced mining tools, digital twin dashboards, 3D metaverse applications, disaster management systems and robotics-based learning activities for young participants. Cultural programmes by SPIC MACAY, folk artists, theatre groups, musicians and student performers will add a vibrant dimension to the celebrations.

Community and youth engagement will form an important part of the week, with activities planned for school students, innovation challenges, alumni sports meets, plantation drives, blood donation camps and outreach programmes for children associated with community organisations. The Alumni Conclave will bring together former directors, chairpersons and distinguished alumni from India and abroad to revisit the institute's journey and discuss its future direction. Heritage exhibitions and guided walks will offer visitors an opportunity to view archival material and rediscover the institute's historical evolution.

The week will conclude with the Foundation Day ceremony, featuring the Foundation Day Address, presentation of awards, special centenary announcements and a drone show marking the beginning of the institute's next century.

The centenary serves as a moment of reflection on IIT (ISM)'s achievements and a reaffirmation of its commitment to future progress. With new research facilities, expanding global collaborations, modernised infrastructure and a stronger focus on sustainability, the institute aims to advance its role in emerging areas such as Mining 4.0, clean energy, critical mineral research, frontier geosciences and advanced computational sciences. As the Centenary Foundation Week begins, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad welcomes students, faculty, alumni, partners and well-wishers to join in celebrating a hundred years of contribution to education, industry and national development.

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