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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Collaborates with Jharkhand EIACP Hub to Observe *Seva Parv 2025* in Ranchi

As part of the nationwide observance of *Seva Parv 2025*, a day-long programme was organized on **24th September 2025** at *Santosh College of Teacher's Training & Education, Ranchi*. The event was conducted by **Jharkhand EIACP (PC-HUB), Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ranchi**, in collaboration with **EIACP Programme Centre (RP), Department of Environmental Science & Engineering, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**.

The programme focused on **environmental protection, Mission LiFE, and Swachhata initiatives**, engaging youth and stakeholders in community-driven action. Around **250 students, faculty, officials, and volunteers** participated enthusiastically in a series of impactful activities.

The event began with a lamp-lighting ceremony, followed by a welcome by **Mr. Hemant Kumar**, Assistant Professor, and an inaugural address by **Dr. Rashmi**, Director, Santosh College, highlighting the role of youth in environmental change.

Chief Guest, Dr. Vijay Shankar Dubey, IFS, Deputy Conservator of Forests, delivered a keynote stressing sustainable practices at both personal and institutional levels, urging youth to become *agents of change*.

Adding academic depth, **Prof. Vipin Kumar, Department of Environmental Science & Engineering, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, spoke on "*Technological Advancements in Waste Management: Challenges and Opportunities*." He emphasized innovation and responsibility in treating waste as a resource.

An engaging **quiz on Swachhata and waste management**, conducted by **Mr. Bishwajit Das, Programme Officer, EIACP (PC-RP), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, saw active participation, with winners recognized through certificates.

The **Mission LiFE pledge** was administered by **Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Information Officer, Jharkhand EIACP (PC-HUB)**, committing participants to eco-friendly lifestyles.

Under "*Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam*", a **plantation drive** with 15 saplings was conducted, followed by a **cleanliness drive** that collected five bags of waste, reinforcing the spirit of *Swachhata Hi Seva*.

The programme concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** by **Dr. Anita Mishra, Faculty, Santosh College**, acknowledging participants and collaborators.

The successful observance of *Seva Parv 2025* in Ranchi reflected a strong spirit of **service, sustainability, and community engagement**. By combining awareness, participation, and practical action, the event reaffirmed the commitment of **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad** and partners towards advancing **Mission LiFE and Swachhata Abhiyan** for a cleaner and greener future.

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