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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Launches Second Phase of MDP to Strengthen Grassroots Governance

In a continuing effort to strengthen grassroots governance and promote the vision of *Viksit Bharat*, the **Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad**, in collaboration with the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India**, inaugurated the **Phase-II of the Management Development Programme (MDP)** today at the **Executive Development Centre (EDC), IIT (ISM)**.

The week-long programme, scheduled from **October 10–14, 2025**, aims to enhance the managerial, leadership, and technological capacities of Panchayati Raj functionaries through focused academic and experiential sessions.

The inaugural session was attended by **Prof. Rajni Singh, Dean (Corporate Communications) and Training Coordinator, Prof. Niladri Das, Professor, Department of Management Studies & Industrial Engineering, and Prof. Rashmi Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Management Studies & Industrial Engineering**. Over **20 participants** from various districts of **Jharkhand** are attending the programme, representing different levels of the Panchayati Raj system.

Addressing the participants, **Prof. Rajni Singh** highlighted the importance of capacity building and effective communication in Panchayati Raj institutions, emphasizing that “empowered and well-informed local leaders form the backbone of participatory governance and sustainable rural development.”

Prof. Niladri Das, in his remarks, underlined the crucial role of systematic work management and accountability in strengthening Panchayat operations. **Prof. Rashmi Singh** elaborated on how leadership and management training can help local bodies address emerging challenges through innovative approaches and digital interventions.

The ongoing sessions in this phase will cover a diverse range of themes including **financial management, digital governance, sustainable rural infrastructure, community leadership, and social entrepreneurship at the village level**.

The programme aims to provide participants with a platform to share field-level insights while learning modern tools of management and decision-making—creating a synergy between policy, technology, and practice.

Organized under the stewardship of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, the MDP continues to serve as a catalyst for **capacity building, innovation, and inclusive governance**, reaffirming the institute’s commitment to nation-building through academic outreach and rural empowerment.

Rajni Singh
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