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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Marks New Year 2026 with Community Gathering and Vision for the Future

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad ushered in the New Year 2026 with a warm and reflective community gathering held on **January 1, 2026, at the Penman Auditorium**, where faculty members, officers, staff and representatives of the Institute came together to exchange greetings and collectively look ahead to the year to come.

Addressing the gathering, Director **Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director IIT (ISM) Dhanbad** extended his New Year wishes to the Institute fraternity and reflected on the significant progress made by IIT (ISM) Dhanbad over the past year. He highlighted that 2025 had been a year of consolidation, growth and notable achievements across academics, research, infrastructure and administration, made possible through the collective efforts of the Institute community

During the address, the Director outlined key milestones, including the strengthening of faculty strength through new recruitments and promotions, implementation of faculty-centric policies, expansion of academic programmes, and enhanced support for research, innovation and student development. He also drew attention to strong placement outcomes, major infrastructural upgrades, digital transformation initiatives, improved campus amenities, and focused efforts on health, well-being and sustainability.

Prof. Mishra also recalled the pride moments of the year, such as the successful conduct of the 45th Convocation, the centenary celebrations during the 100th Foundation Week, visits by eminent national and international dignitaries, and prestigious national and global rankings that reinforced the Institute's standing in engineering and mineral sciences.

Looking ahead, the Director shared the Institute's forward vision, emphasising deeper industry engagement, stronger alumni connect, thrust on patents and high-impact research, development of a green campus, and continued efforts to attract high-ranking students while enriching learning, innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems.

The New Year meet concluded on a note of optimism and togetherness, with the Director wishing everyone a **happy, healthy and prosperous New Year 2026**, and reaffirming the shared commitment of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad to excellence, societal impact and national development.

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