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## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Marks World Wildlife Conservation Day 2025 with Inspiring Call for Collective Action**

As part of its ongoing Centenary Week Celebrations, the EIACP Programme Centre (supported by MoEF&CC, Government of India) at the Department of Environmental Science & Engineering, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, celebrated **World Wildlife Conservation Day 2025** at GJLT, IIT(ISM) Dhanbad. The event brought together leading forest officials, experts, faculty members, students, and conservation enthusiasts to highlight the urgent need for wildlife protection and ecological stewardship.

The programme was graced by **Chief Guest Shri Paritosh Upadhyay, IFS**, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Jharkhand. **Guests of Honour** included **Shri R. Thanga Pandian, IFS**, Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Bokaro, and **Shri Vikas Paliwal**, District Forest Officer, Dhanbad. All three dignitaries shared insightful perspectives on the conservation challenges in Jharkhand, emphasising habitat protection, community involvement, and scientific approaches to safeguarding biodiversity.

A key highlight of the event was the felicitation of winners of the **National-level Drawing Competition** organized on the occasion. The Chief Guest presented certificates to school students and UG/PG participants from across India whose creative entries reflected deep awareness and commitment toward wildlife conservation.

The event saw the presence of senior institute officials, including **Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT(ISM)**; **Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director**; **Prof. Alok Sinha, HoD, Department of ESE & Coordinator, EIACP Centre**; and **Prof. Suresh Pandian, Co-coordinator, EIACP Centre**. They encouraged students and participants to embrace sustainable practices and contribute actively to conservation efforts through research, innovation, and community engagement.

Speaking on the occasion, the dignitaries and institute leaders emphasized that India's rich biodiversity can be protected only through **collective action**, informed policy, and awareness-driven initiatives. The celebration reinforced IIT(ISM)'s commitment to environmental education, outreach, and scientific contributions in the field of wildlife and ecosystem conservation.

The event concluded with a renewed pledge by participants to work towards the protection of wildlife and natural habitats, ensuring a healthier and more sustainable future for generations to come.

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