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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Showcases Academic Excellence, Innovation Ecosystem and Career Opportunities at Open House 2026 for JEE (Advanced) Qualifiers

Reinforcing its commitment to guiding the next generation of engineers, scientists and innovators, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, organized **Open House 2026** for JEE (Advanced) 2026 qualified candidates and their parents at the Conference Room of the Administrative Block on Monday. The programme was aimed at helping aspirants make informed decisions during the JoSAA counselling process by providing first-hand information about academics, research opportunities, campus life, innovation, placements and the overall learning environment at the institute.

The session was conducted by **Prof. Rajni Singh, Dean (Corporate Communications)**, who coordinated the proceedings and facilitated interactions between the participants and the institute's leadership and faculty members.

Welcoming the participants, the institute highlighted its century-long legacy of excellence in higher education and research. Established in 1926 and accorded IIT status in 2016, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has evolved from a specialised institution dedicated to mining education into a multidisciplinary centre of excellence in engineering, science, management, humanities and emerging technologies. As it enters its centenary phase, the institute continues to strengthen its contributions to research, innovation and national development.

Addressing the gathering, **Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, shared the institute's vision for academic excellence, innovation and nation-building. He encouraged students to choose academic programmes aligned with their interests and aspirations while making the most of the diverse opportunities available on campus for learning, research, entrepreneurship and holistic development.

The programme featured presentations on academic programmes, curriculum structure, interdisciplinary learning opportunities, research facilities, innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives, student support systems, internships and placement opportunities available at the institute. Participants were provided detailed insights into the academic ecosystem and opportunities that define student life at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

Among those present during the session were **Prof. M.K. Singh, Dean (Academic); Prof. Parthasarathi Das, Dean (Research & Development); Prof. Amit Rai Dixit, Dean (Infrastructure); Prof. Alok Das, Dean (Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship); Prof. Keka Ojha, Dean (Continuing Education Programme); Prof. L. A. Kumaraswamidhas, Associate Dean, Hostel Management (Students' Welfare); Heads of various academic departments; and Prof. Manish Kumar Jain, Chairperson, JEE (Advanced) 2026.**

Faculty members and institute officials interacted extensively with students and parents, providing insights into the institute's academic culture, research environment, innovation ecosystem and campus life. Discussions also focused on interdisciplinary education, emerging technologies, entrepreneurial opportunities and career pathways available to students.

Participants were subsequently taken on a guided tour of the campus, enabling them to experience the institute's academic infrastructure, laboratories, research facilities and residential amenities. The event concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session during which students and parents directly engaged with faculty members and institute officials to seek clarifications on admissions, branch selection, curriculum, research opportunities and campus life.

The Open House served as an important platform for aspiring students and their families to gain a deeper understanding of the academic and research environment at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad before making one of the most significant decisions of their academic journey. The institute reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing future leaders, innovators and researchers through a blend of academic rigour, cutting-edge research, innovation and holistic student development.

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