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IIT (ISM) Felicitates Safai Mitra, Volunteers, and Clubs for Their Contribution under Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign 5.0

As part of the ongoing *Swachhata Hi Sewa (SHS) Campaign 5.0* being observed across the country from September 15 to October 2, 2025, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad organized a felicitation program today at Penman Hall to honor the tireless contributions of its *Safai Mitra, Swachhata Coordinators, volunteers*, and members of various campus clubs in keeping the campus clean, green, and beautiful.

The event was graced by **Shri Ravi Raj Sharma, Municipal Commissioner, Dhanbad**, as *Guest of Honour*, along with **Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM)**. Also present on the occasion were **Shri Prabodh Pandey, Registrar, IIT (ISM)**; **Prof. S. A. Sahu, Head, Centre of Societal Mission (CSM)**; and **Prof. Deepika Sharma, Nodal Officer, SHS Campaign 5.0**, among others.

Delivering the welcome address, **Prof. Deepika Sharma** detailed the various activities carried out under the SHS campaign. **Prof. S. A. Sahu** highlighted the broad spectrum of initiatives undertaken by the *Centre of Societal Mission (CSM)* in alignment with the cleanliness campaign.

Addressing the gathering, **Registrar Shri Prabodh Pandey** lauded the efforts of *Safai Mitra, Swachhata Coordinators, volunteers*, and members of Deepti Ladies Club, Sampurna Ladies Club, Scolomin Club, Staff Recreation Club, and the Shop Inspection Team, whose consistent dedication ensures cleanliness and hygiene within the institute premises throughout the year.

Speaking on the occasion, **Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM)**, said, *“Cleanliness is not just about maintaining hygiene; it reflects our collective responsibility towards sustainability and social well-being. IIT (ISM) takes pride in leading such initiatives that align with national missions and instill civic sense among all stakeholders.”*

Guest of Honour **Shri Ravi Raj Sharma, Municipal Commissioner, Dhanbad**, in his remarks, appreciated the institute’s proactive role in promoting cleanliness. He said, *“The collaboration between civic authorities and academic institutions like IIT (ISM) is crucial to building a cleaner and healthier society. The efforts of Safai Mitra and volunteers here set an example for the wider community.”*

The felicitation program not only recognized the dedicated efforts of various individuals and groups but also reaffirmed IIT (ISM)’s strong commitment to promoting cleanliness, sustainability, and community engagement, in sync with the national objectives of the *Swachhata Hi Sewa* campaign.

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