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## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **IIT (ISM) Hosts Inaugural Ceremony of Two-Day Pedagogy Workshop under CBDE Programme**

The inaugural ceremony of the two-day Pedagogy Workshop (PWS) under the Capacity Building for Design and Entrepreneurship (CBDE) Programme was held today at the FDC Conference Hall-1, MMTT Centre, i2H Building, **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**. The workshop is being organised by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, under the flagship CBDE initiative of the **Ministry of Education**, Government of India.

The programme was inaugurated in the august presence of **Prof. Sudhir Varadrajan**, Programme Director of the CBDE Programme appointed by the Ministry of Education, who joined the event in person as the Chief Guest. **Prof. Sukumar Mishra**, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, graced the occasion as Chief Patron.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Sudhir Varadrajan presented an overview of the CBDE Programme, stating that it aims to foster innovation in Higher Education Institutions by equipping faculty members and students with design thinking and entrepreneurial competencies. He highlighted that the programme currently covers 42 institutions across the country, including IITs, IIITs, IIMs and select Central Universities, with the central objective of transforming students into startup promoters.

In his address, Prof. Sukumar Mishra underlined the evolving challenges of teaching in the digital era. He noted that with students having easy access to electronic devices and AI tools such as ChatGPT, the real challenge lies in delivering education that goes beyond readily available information. "The solution lies not in penalising students for using AI, but in continuously upgrading faculty knowledge so that teachers can offer insights beyond what AI provides," he said, expressing confidence that the workshop would explore these aspects in depth.

Earlier, **Prof. Mrinalini Pandey**, Programme Director, MMTTC, delivered the welcome address and provided an overview of the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, noting that it has benefited over 5,000 participants from around 500 institutions nationwide.

**Prof. Shikha Singh**, Coordinator of the CBDE Programme at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, elaborated on the objectives of the workshop and informed that faculty participants from institutions such as IEST Shibpur, NIT Calicut, NIT Rourkela and GCET Bilaspur are taking part in the two-day programme. She stated that the workshop aims to equip teachers with practical knowledge that can be effectively applied while teaching students for industry relevance, and to collectively develop innovative teaching methodologies for greater student benefit. The two-day Pedagogy Workshop will continue on January 3, 2026, featuring interactive sessions and collaborative exercises focused on design thinking and entrepreneurship education.

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