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IIT (ISM) Hosts National Workshop on Digital Repository; Experts Stress Need for Digitisation

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad on Monday inaugurated a two-day national workshop on “Digital Repository using Open Source Software (DSpace)” at the Golden Jubilee Lecture Theatre of the institute.

The inaugural session was graced by Director Prof. Sukumar Mishra as the chief guest. In his address, Prof. Mishra underscored the evolving role of libraries in the digital age, stating that libraries must adapt to technological advancements to remain relevant. He highlighted the importance of digitisation and emerging tools such as artificial intelligence in enhancing accessibility and dissemination of knowledge.

Earlier, Prof. Prof. Ajay Mandal, PIC of the Central Library, delivered the welcome address. He noted that the definition and responsibilities of libraries are rapidly changing with increasing emphasis on research and digital services. He expressed hope that the workshop would be highly interactive and beneficial for all participants.

Speaking on the need of the workshop, Librarian Partha De elaborated on the objectives of the workshop. He said that in the era of the information superhighway, digital repositories play a crucial role in preserving and disseminating institutional knowledge, and the training would equip participants with essential skills for managing such repositories.

Dr. B. Sutradhar, Joint Principal Investigator of the National Digital Library of India, IIT Kharagpur highlighted the significance of the NDLI initiative and encouraged participants to actively engage in the sessions. He also informed that technical support and cloud-based infrastructure are being provided to institutions for developing digital repositories.

Deputy Librarian Satish Kumar was also present on the dais, while Assistant Librarian Sourav Debnath conducted the proceedings of the inaugural session.

During the two-day workshop, participants will receive both theoretical insights and hands-on training on repository architecture, metadata standards, content submission workflows, and best practices in digital preservation. The sessions will also focus on the installation, configuration, and management of institutional repositories using DSpace, with an emphasis on integrating repositories with national initiatives like the National Digital Library of India.

Participants from various parts of the country are attending the workshop.

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