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**IIInvenTiv 2026 Opens at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Powering India's Innovation Pipeline to Bharat Innovates 2026**

**Positioning India's most promising innovations for global scale**, IIInvenTiv 2026 commenced at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad on Monday as a **key national feeder platform to Bharat Innovates 2026**. The flagship R&D fair is designed to identify, nurture, and scale high-potential technologies, creating a seamless pathway from Indian laboratories to international partnerships, investments, and deployment.

Bringing together premier academic institutions, industry leaders, startups, and investors, the inaugural day reflected the growing momentum of India's deep-tech ecosystem. **Aligned with national missions such as Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India**, the event serves as a strategic bridge to Bharat Innovates 2026, where curated innovations will gain global exposure and access to international markets.

A major highlight of the day was the **high-level Roundtable on Research, Development and Innovation (RDI)**, which witnessed the participation of an exceptional line-up of academic leaders including **Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, along with **Prof. V. Kamakoti (IIT Madras), Prof. Rangan Banerjee (IIT Delhi), Prof. Shireesh Kedare (IIT Bombay), Prof. Devendra Jalihal (IIT Guwahati), Prof. S. Joshi (IIT Indore), Prof. Rajiv Prakash (IIT Bhilai), Prof. Rajeev Ahuja (IIT Ropar), Prof. Dharendra S. Katti (IIT Goa), Prof. K. N. Satyanarayana (IIT Tirupati), Prof. Manoj S. Gaur (IIT Jammu), Prof. V. R. Desai (IIT Dharwad), Prof. T. N. Singh (IIT Patna), Prof. Amit Patra (IIT (BHU) Varanasi), Prof. Suman Chakraborty (IIT Kharagpur), Prof. Ravi B. (NIT Karnataka), and Prof. V. M. S. R. Murthy (IEST Shibpur)**.

The deliberations, held in the presence of leading venture capitalists and industry stakeholders, focused on **scaling innovation in strategic sectors**, strengthening academia-industry collaboration, and accelerating commercialization—critical steps in preparing Indian innovations for global showcasing.

The formal inaugural session at the Penman Auditorium marked a significant moment, with the Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand inaugurating the event in the presence of distinguished dignitaries from industry and policy domains. The address emphasized **innovation-led growth, global competitiveness, and the importance of collaborative platforms like IIInvenTiv and Bharat Innovates 2026** in shaping India's technological future.

Welcoming the gathering, **Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, underlined that **IIInvenTiv 2026 represents a decisive shift from research to real-world impact**. He noted that by integrating academia, industry, startups, and investors, the platform is building a **robust innovation pipeline leading directly to Bharat Innovates 2026**, enabling global deployment of Indian technologies.

The inaugural day also saw the launch of **Technology Demonstration Zones**, showcasing over 150 innovations across sectors such as Artificial Intelligence, healthcare, semiconductor technology, materials science, and earth sciences. These innovations reflect India's growing strength in deep-tech and its readiness for global collaboration.

A significant milestone was the inauguration of two Centres of Excellence, reinforcing the event's focus on sustainability and advanced technologies. The **ReNew Centre of Excellence** aims to enable a **just transition for coal-dependent communities towards green energy livelihoods**, while the **Wadhvani Innovation Network Centre of Excellence on Critical Minerals** focuses on **strengthening India's capabilities in critical minerals, clean energy, and advanced technology ecosystems**.

Post-inaugural sessions featured a series of **high-impact plenary discussions across Artificial Intelligence, materials science, healthcare, and earth sciences**, with participation from several of the visiting Directors and domain experts. These deliberations emphasized **interdisciplinary innovation, scalability, and real-world applicability**, aligning with the broader goal of transforming research into deployable solutions.

The platform also facilitated **strategic engagements between startups, academia, and investors**, including MoU signings, seed funding support, and networking interactions—creating pathways for innovation-led entrepreneurship and faster market adoption.

The second and concluding day will further deepen this engagement through **academia-to-business (A2B) matchmaking sessions and startup pitching platforms**, alongside expert talks by leading academic and policy figures. The programme will culminate in a concluding session featuring **Prof. Sukumar Mishra (IIT ISM Dhanbad), Prof. V. M. S. R. Murthy (IEST Shibpur), and Prof. A. K. Mishra (CSIR-CIMFR)**, outlining the roadmap for strengthening India’s research and innovation ecosystem.

As a **precursor and feeder to Bharat Innovates 2026**, InvenTiv 2026 is set to play a pivotal role in identifying and preparing India’s most promising innovations for global showcasing. **Together, the two initiatives form a seamless national-to-global innovation continuum**, reinforcing India’s emergence as a hub of deep-tech excellence, collaboration, and entrepreneurship.

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