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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Flags Off Yuva Sangam Phase–VI Delegation for IIT Indore, Inspires Youth Towards National Integration and Viksit Bharat

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad on Monday successfully flagged off the **Yuva Sangam Phase–VI** delegation under the Government of India's flagship initiative *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat*, reaffirming its commitment to youth engagement, cultural exchange, and national integration.

The flag-off ceremony was held at the **Penman Auditorium, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, where **Professor Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, formally flagged off the delegation along with **international athlete and Pentathlon World Championship bronze medal winner Ms. Anu Kumari**, in the presence of faculty members, organising team members, participants, and media representatives.

A total of **42 participants from across Jharkhand**, accompanied by a team of faculty members and officers of the IIT (ISM) Dhanbad will travel to **IIT Indore** from May 26 to June 3, 2026 as part of the national youth exchange initiative aimed at promoting cultural understanding, knowledge sharing, innovation, and stronger people-to-people connections among youth from different states.

Addressing the participants, **Professor Sukumar Mishra** said that youth is not defined merely by age but by energy, ambition, and the willingness to take on challenges. He emphasised the importance of goal-setting, healthy competition, and social interaction in personal growth, adding that exposure to new people, ideas, and experiences through Yuva Sangam would help participants discover and unlock their true potential.

Ms. Anu Kumari, who attended the event as Chief Guest, shared her inspiring journey of struggle, discipline, and perseverance that led to her winning a bronze medal at the World Championship. Encouraging the participants, she urged them to embrace failures as stepping stones to success, remain determined, and contribute through innovation, technology, and hard work towards the vision of **Viksit Bharat 2047**.

Welcoming the participants, **Prof. S.K. Gupta, Dean (Student Welfare)**, described Yuva Sangam as a meaningful platform for cultural exchange, learning, and national integration. He encouraged the participants to make the most of the visit by building relationships, learning new skills, and contributing positively to the vision of *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat*.

Registrar Shri Prabodh Pandey congratulated the selected youth, calling them proud representatives of Jharkhand. He urged them to reflect the state's culture, values, and humility during their visit while treating the journey as a valuable opportunity for personal growth and meaningful learning.

Also present on the occasion were Prof. Parthasarathi Das, Dean (R&D), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Dr. Anita Kumari, Sports Officer, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad & Mr Mrityunjay Sharma, Assistant Registrar.

Yuva Sangam, launched under *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat*, seeks to connect youth from different parts of the country through immersive exposure to culture, education, tourism, innovation, and community engagement, thereby strengthening the spirit of unity in diversity.

The event concluded with an enthusiastic send-off as the participants embarked on their journey carrying the message of learning, friendship, and national integration.

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