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Powering the Planet, One Action at a Time: IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Marks World Earth Day 2026 with Purpose and Innovation

Power in people, promise for the planet. Echoing the global call of “Our Power, Our Planet,” the EIACP Programme Centre of the Department of Environmental Science & Engineering at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, in collaboration with Insearch NGO, Dhanbad, organized a vibrant and impactful World Earth Day Celebration 2026 on Wednesday at the i2h Building of the institute.

The event underscored the urgency of collective action and highlighted how individuals, institutions, and technology can converge to build a sustainable future. With a strong focus on sustainable lifestyles, environmental innovation, and youth engagement, the programme served as a dynamic platform for dialogue and action on pressing environmental challenges.

Shri Adarsh Agarwal, Director, Office of the Director General of Audit (Mines), C&AG, Kolkata, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and emphasized the critical role of accountability and governance in environmental management. He highlighted the responsibility of public institutions in ensuring compliance and fostering sustainable practices. Guest of Honour Prof. Prabhakar Singh, Founder & Chancellor of Sona Devi University, Ghatsila, stressed the importance of environmental education and community participation in achieving long-term sustainability goals. The programme was conducted under the patronage of Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, whose continued encouragement has strengthened environmental initiatives within the institute.

Welcoming the gathering, Prof. Alok Sinha, Coordinator of the EIACP Centre, elaborated on the Centre’s efforts in promoting environmental awareness, capacity building, and sustainable development. Prof. Suresh Pandian, Co-coordinator, highlighted the significance of community engagement and skill development in tackling environmental concerns.

A key highlight of the celebration was the Poster Making Competition Showcase, where students presented innovative, AI-generated posters centered on environmental sustainability. The showcase reflected a unique blend of creativity and technology, inspiring forward-thinking solutions among participants.

Adding an academic dimension, students from Sona Devi University, Ghatsila, participated in an exposure visit to the Department and EIACP Centre, gaining insights into ongoing research and outreach initiatives.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, researchers, and environmental advocates. It concluded with a collective pledge to embrace eco-friendly practices and contribute actively towards building a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable planet.

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