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## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **Yuva Sangam Phase-VI Delegation Returns to Dhanbad After Enriching Exchange Visit to Madhya Pradesh**

The 42-member Jharkhand delegation participating in the Government of India's Yuva Sangam Phase-VI programme successfully returned to Dhanbad today after completing a transformative educational and cultural exchange visit to Madhya Pradesh under the flagship *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat* initiative.

The delegation, coordinated by IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and hosted by IIT Indore, undertook a nine-day immersive journey from May 26 to June 4 aimed at promoting cultural understanding, knowledge exchange, innovation and national integration among the youth of the country.

Upon their arrival at Dhanbad Railway Station, the delegates received a warm welcome from the IIT (ISM) Dhanbad coordination team. The participants expressed their appreciation for the hospitality extended by both IIT Indore and IIT (ISM) Dhanbad throughout the programme.

During their stay in Madhya Pradesh, the delegates were exposed to diverse facets of the state's cultural heritage, technological advancements, educational excellence and social development initiatives. The programme included visits to premier academic institutions, industrial hubs, historical landmarks, cultural centres and community interaction programmes. The participants visited locations such as IIT Indore, IIM Indore, Maheshwar, Ujjain, Mhow, Pithampur and Bhopal, gaining valuable insights into the region's rich traditions and innovation ecosystem.

Speaking on the successful completion of the programme, **Prof. Sanjay Mondal, Associate Dean, Students' Activities (Students' Welfare), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, said, "Yuva Sangam offers a unique platform for young people to engage with diverse cultures, traditions and ideas from across the country. Such experiences help broaden their horizons, strengthen mutual understanding and nurture a deeper sense of national unity. We are delighted that the delegates have returned with enriching experiences, new friendships and valuable learnings that will contribute to their overall growth and development."

The delegates also shared their enthusiasm and gratitude, describing the journey as a memorable experience that enabled them to explore new cultures, forge meaningful friendships and gain exposure to different educational, cultural and developmental practices.

The Yuva Sangam initiative, a flagship programme under *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat*, continues to strengthen the spirit of 'Unity in Diversity' by enabling meaningful interactions among youth from different regions of India and fostering cultural appreciation, knowledge exchange and nation-building.

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad expresses its sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Education, Government of India, IIT Indore and all stakeholders associated with the successful conduct of Yuva Sangam Phase-VI. The institute remains committed to supporting initiatives that promote youth engagement, cultural exchange and national integration.

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