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PRESS RELEASE

Altogether 17 school teams register for Jharkhand School Innovation Challenge (JH-SIC) 2023; Contest being organized by NVCTI, IIT (ISM) with the aim of promoting innovation and creativity among school students of Jharkahnd.

Altogether 17 schools have so far registered for the Jharkhand School Innovation Challenge (JH-SIC) 2023, the biggest innovation challenge contest for school students (Class 8 to 12) being organized by Naresh Vashisht Centre for Tinkering and Innovation (NVCTI), IIT (ISM) for which the registration began last week.

Notably, altogether 187 teams of different schools from across the state took part in the competition during the last year and all efforts are being made to ensure greater participation during this year.

Giving details during a press conference held today at NVCTI, Prof Rajiv Shekhar, Director IIT (ISM) said “Innovation is a continuous process it can’t be operation through an electric switch.”

Elaborating more he said that during the recently held summer camp, titled STEM Robotics Camp, from June 1-4 at NVCTI some the government schools students have developed the mobile robots which were better than those of the 1st year students of our undergraduate course.

“It proves that students of the government schools of remote areas of state are no lesser innovative in their concept and thus the need of hour is to provide them a platform for which the Jharkhand School Innovation Challenge is being organized” added Shekhar.

In her opening remark, Prof Rajni Singh, Dean (Media & Branding) spoke about the aims and objectives of Jharkhand School Innovation Challenge and threw light on the rich legacy of IIT (ISM), NVCTI and briefed about previous two editions of JH-SIC 2023 held in 2021 and 2022.

She further said that carry forward the tone set by Jharkhand School Innovation, the institute is organizing lab visit programme for students of class 9 to 12 from June 23 on each working Friday under under the K-12 Outreach Programm during which students from the across the state would be visiting the different facilities and labs of IIT (ISM), including I2H building, Long Wall Gallery, Seismological observatory as well as Geological Museum

Professor Pankaj Mishra, Dean (Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship) who is also the Head of Centre of NVCTI said “we have already sent mails to over 40000 schools from across the state to participate in JH-SIC 2023 and said that the best ideas selected during the contest can also work to launch their own start up for which all necessary will be extended by various centres of IIT (ISM) including Mining Technology Innovation Hub, TEXMiN besides ACIC and NVCTI.

Prof Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director of IIT (ISM) said “the innovation challenge is being organized through the own fund of IIT (ISM) and no charges are being taken from any student participants etc.

Students of Class 8 to 12 any school of Jharkhand are eligible to participate in the event in a team of maximum 3 members for which the registration already started on June 13 and the last date of

registration is June 25. The deadline for idea submission for phase I of the event is July 10 while results will be declared for the phase on July 17. The presentation ideas for phase 2 will be on July 22 while the results for Phase 2 will be declared on July 23. Similarly the presentation for phase 3 will be on August 5 while the results will be declared on August 6. The presentation of 4th phase will be on August 26 while the results will be declared on August 27. The onsite mentoring round for the event will be held from September 4-8 while the grand Finale will take place on September 9.

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