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## Press Release

**Two-day 44<sup>th</sup> Convocation of IIT (ISM) kicks off with the award of medals to 183 pass outs; Padma Bhushan Dr. VK Saraswat, member, NITI Aayog delivers the convocation address and presents institute medals.**

The two days 44<sup>th</sup> of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad scheduled for December 16-17 kicked off today at the Penman Auditorium of the institute with the presentation and medals and awards to altogether 183 passout of the 2023-24 batch by Padma Bhushan, Dr. V. K. Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog who was present during the function as chief guest.

The inaugural day function which began at around 6. 30 p.m. also witnessed the award to D. Sc. (Honoris Causa) Degree to Padma Bhushan Dr V.K. Saraswat.

Addressing the gathering of students Padma Bhushan Dr. V.K. Saraswat said, “Since its inception, IIT(ISM) Dhanbad has been at the forefront of mining education and has continually expanded its horizons into various disciplines.

“It gives me great pleasure to learn that it has been showcased at the BRICS 2024 Summit, highlighting its global contributions in science and technology” further said, Dr. Saraswat.

“The world you are entering as a graduate today, is changing at an unprecedented pace, and it is essential to stay ahead of the curve” added Dr. Saraswat...

“The 21<sup>st</sup> Century landscape is very much a global world and is predominantly a knowledge century, driven by data economy” opined Dr. Saraswat.

“This is surely the century for our nation. This is a fact because, whenever there has been a focus on knowledge in the past, *India has played its central role in it*” added Dr. Saraswat.

“Knowledge is the foundation on which India needs to build and grow” said Dr. Saraswat while addressing the degree recipients and added that as graduates, you are now part of a community that has the power to make a positive impact in the world.

Prof. Prem Vrat Chairman, BoG IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, while addressing the gathering comprising of degree recipients, their family members, senate members etc said, “True knowledge is not just confined to books or classrooms; it is about understanding life, human values, and the world around you”

He further said, “Keep learning, for education is a lifelong journey. In today’s world, technology evolves at a pace faster than ever before and staying relevant requires a commitment to continuous learning. At the same time, seek wisdom in values, empathy, and relationships. These will guide you when knowledge alone falls short” further said Prof Prem Vrat.

“In your journey toward your goals, there will be obstacles, failures, and moments of doubt. These are not signs of defeat but stepping stones to success” added Prof. Prem Vrat.

Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad during his address gave details the award of degrees; academics, R&D achievement; International collaborations; alumni affairs; ongoing infrastructure development works in the institute; and ranking and other highlights of the institute.

Regarding the recent developments regarding rankings he said, “In the QS Sustainability Rankings 2024, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has performed impressively as it stood 7<sup>th</sup> in IITs as compared to last year”

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