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Press Release

All IITs IR Conclave 2024 Inaugurated at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

The All IITs International Relations (IR) Conclave 2024, a significant milestone in the lead-up to the Centenary Celebration of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, was inaugurated today at the TEXMiN Hall of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. The event was graced by Dr. B. Chandrashekar, Executive Director of EDCIL India, as the chief guest, alongside Shri Arindam Bhattacharyya, Scientist F at the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, as the Guest of Honour, and Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

Organized by the Office of the Dean (International Relations and Alumni Affairs), the conclave has brought together representatives from 19 IITs across the country, along with their international office delegates. The theme of this year's conclave is "Study in India," focusing on three critical aspects of internationalization: Networking & Support, Internationalization, and Study in India. Esteemed experts from various organizations involved in internationalization, including DST, ICCR, EdCIL, DAAD, Heritage, and CIPERA, are participating in the discussions.

In his address, Dr. B. Chandrashekar highlighted the pivotal role of EDCIL in facilitating foreign students' education in India. He elaborated on the Study in India initiative, which aims to provide international students with quality education and support throughout the admission process and visa management.

Shri Arindam Bhattacharyya discussed the various fellowships available for foreign students and addressed the challenges faced in attracting students from Europe and other Western countries to India.

Prof. Sukumar Mishra emphasized the need for a strategic approach to attract international students and faculty. He noted, "When foreign students come to India for education, they are often drawn by the country's rich knowledge, history, culture, and heritage. We must leverage this sentiment and encourage exploration of the Indian Subcontinent during their visit."

Prof. R.M. Bhattacharjee, Dean of International Relations and Alumni Affairs, delivered the inaugural address, stating, "This IR conclave serves as a melting pot of ideas, uniting stakeholders, thought leaders, experts, and representatives from academia and funding agencies to promote cultural exchange." He underscored the overarching goal of fostering extensive dialogues, brainstorming sessions, and knowledge sharing on strategies for the internationalization of higher education within the esteemed IIT system.

The All IITs IR Conclave 2024 promises to be a pivotal platform for enhancing international collaboration and promoting India as a premier destination for higher education.

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