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Basant 2026 Concludes with Grand Award Ceremony at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

The concluding ceremony of Basant 2026 at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad was held with grandeur at the Penman Auditorium, where the Basant Samman - 2026, Distinguished Alumnus Awards - 2025 and Special Centenary Awards were conferred upon 25 eminent alumni and former faculty members in recognition of their exceptional contributions across governance, industry, research, academia and public service.

The ceremony was presided over by Chairman, Board of Governors, Prof. Prem Vrat, who addressed the gathering in online mode. The programme was graced by Director Prof. Sukumar Mishra and Deputy Director Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, along with Shri P. M. Prasad, Padma Shri Prof. Harsh Kumar Gupta, former Director Prof. S. P. Banerjee, Prof. R. M. Bhattacharjee, Advisor (International Relations and Alumni Affairs), and Prof. Rajeev Upadhyay, Dean (International Relations and Alumni Affairs). The dignitaries underscored the significance of the Institute's centenary year and described the awardees as exemplars of IIT (ISM)'s expanding national and global footprint.

Under the Distinguished Alumnus Awards - 2025, Shri Shubhankar Pratyush Pathak received the Young Alumnus Achiever Award, while the Entrepreneurship Award was conferred upon Shri Bobby Mohanty. The Nagendra Kumar Memorial Award was presented to Dr. Ajoy Kumar Moitra, Shri Om Prakash Sinha and Shri Srinivasan Padmanabhan. The Research and Academic Excellence Award recognised Dr. Indranil Bardhan, Dr. O. P. Mishra and Dr. Jitendra Kikani for their distinguished academic and professional accomplishments.

The Bhaskar Bhattacharjee Memorial Award was conferred upon Shri Sanjiv Kumar Singh. The Director's Award for Contribution to the Society was presented to Shri K. A. P. Sinha (IAS) and Dr. Vipul Kumar (IPS). The Jaswant Singh Gill Memorial Industrial Safety Excellence Award was bestowed upon the All-Women Mine Rescue Team comprising Ms. Sandhya Rasakatla, Ms. Yojitha Kattakola, Ms. Nehal Solanki, Ms. Kavita Khichar, Ms. Alka, Ms. Sandhya Singh, Ms. Sakshi Gupta, Mr. Manuj Singh and Mr. Pradeep Kumar.

Special Centenary Awards were conferred upon Prof. S. P. Banerjee, Shri Naresh Vashisht, Shri Amrit Sagar Chopra, Shri P. M. Prasad, Padma Shri Prof. Harsh Kumar Gupta, Dr. Mohinder Singh Gulati, Prof. O. P. Varma, Late Shri Jaswant Singh Gill (Posthumously) and Late Shri R. N. Sharma (Posthumously).

The Basant Samman - 2026 was awarded to Dr. Ranjit Rath, Dr. Arun Kumar Nayak, Prof. P. S. Gupta and Prof. Phalguni Sen. The ceremony concluded with cultural presentations and alumni interactions, bringing Basant 2026 to a dignified and memorable close while reaffirming the Institute's enduring legacy of excellence.

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