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Capacity Building Programme on Basic Level Information Technology and Computer Training for more than 1500 tribal students of Class X, XI and XII of seven EMRS of Jharkhand being conducted by Center of Excellence (CoE) for tribal development at IIT (ISM) kick starts

The capacity building programme on Basic Level Information technology and computer training for more than 1500 tribal students of Class X, XI and XII being by conducted Center of Excellence (CoE) for tribal development at IIT (ISM) began today at altogether seven Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) including at EMRS Kathijoria, EMRS Godda, EMRS Ranchi, EMRS Lohardagga, EMRS Dumka, EMRS West Singhbhum and EMRS Bhagadih.

The online launching of the programme took place in after noon at the conference hall of Department of Management Studies & Industrial Engineering in presence of Prof JK Pattanayak, Prof Sandip Mandal, Prof Niladri Das and Prof Rashmi Singh.

Rashmi Singh, Assistant Professor at the Department of Management Studies and Industrial Engineering who is also the coordinator of the CoE established with fund grant of Rs 1.92 crore of Ministry of Tribal Affairs said that the capacity building and skill development has been launched as first project of CoE especially designed for tribals of Jharkhand to boost their employment, income, livelihood and economic wellbeing.

Elaborating more about the capacity building programme, Prof Rashmi Singh who is also Principal Investigator of the project said, "The course will be conducted in Online and hybrid mode and total duration of the course will be one year's divided into two semesters of 13 weeks each.

"Reading material in Hindi for the entire one-year basic level program will be delivered to the students at the start of the program" said Prof Singh and added that reading materials in Santhali language which is the dominant tribal language in the EMRS schools will be kept in the school library for the reference of the students.

"There will be two theory classes and four practical/hands-on sessions to be delivered to the students by the Institute experts roped in for purpose in a week in the online mode" elaborated Prof Singh and added that Assignments will be given to the students every week to test the understanding & close monitoring & supervision will be done for the effective completion of the assignments.

"This will be done in coordination with the computer/ICT teachers of the EMRS schools" explained Prof Singh and added that the institute experts will visit the problem solving centers at the EMRS schools in physical mode for conducting problem solving sessions.

"Regular feedback will be taken from the students to understand their learnings from the program & challenges associated with it" explained the coordinator of COE and added that Feedback will also be obtained from principal, class-teacher and computer/ICT teacher of the EMRS schools.

"Mid-semester & end-semester examinations will be conducted in physical mode in all the schools for assessing the learning capacities of the students" elaborated the Centre Coordinator and added that the weak students will be identified through regular assessment & special sessions will be delivered to them.

"Daily attendance will be taken during the classes for monitoring the presence of the students in the program" clarified Prof Singh and summed up by explaining that Pre & Post impact assessment will be conducted for the students to understand the impact of the program.

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