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**Central Government team lauds the project of IIT (ISM) for preparation of Dhanbad Master Plan; team led by, Shri Ashok Sharma, Undersecretary of Ministry of Steel during their visit to the institute opines that the project holds good potential for ensuring e Governance.**

A team of Central Government today visited IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and took details of the project titled, **Preparation of Dhanbad Master Plan 2030** prepared by the institute which is aimed to facilitate decision making with regard to all future planning for the Dhanbad by preparing a land use/land cover and thematic maps of the district.

It is worth mentioning here that the project nominated by the institute for National Award for e Governance has been selected during the initial round of screening and visit of the central government team of today was a step toward its further screening for selection in next round.

The team led by Shri Ashok Sharma, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Steel first witnessed the power point presentation about the project made this morning at the conference hall of Director's office of the institute during which representatives of Dhanbad Municipal Corporation (DMC) led by, AK Samanta, it's Executive Engineer and two other officers including Cornelius Murmu, Urban Infrastructure Specialist and Amandeep, Urban Reform Specialist were also present.

The team during their two day stay are set to witness the different laboratories and research facilities of IIT (ISM) and later visit the mines etc of Dhanbad in order to have a first-hand account of the facilities in the institute and infrastructure facilities of Dhanbad.

Prof Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director of IIT (ISM) who presided over the interaction session with the central government team held after the power point presentation explained to the visitors the nitty gritty of project ever since it's conceptualization and said that the mapping of the subsidence prone areas to be carried out under the master plan is quite crucial as it will help the city planners in a great way for the town planning as such identification of subsidence prone zones have not been carried till date.

He further said that the data base generated by the IIT (ISM) experts in the course of preparation of Dhanbad Master Plan will be provided free of cost to Dhanbad Municipal Corporation with the pre-condition that the it will be provided to all the stake holders.

Prof Dheeraj further informed that a formal launching of master plan is likely to be carried very soon at the institute.

Notably, the master plan prepared by a four member team of faculty members and post doctorate fellow under the leadership of Prof Vasanta Govind Kumar Villuri, associate professor of Mining Engineering is a kind's resource mapping and zonation of Dhanbad Municipal Corporation using Geospatial Technology for Sustainable development.

The project, which aims to develop a decision support system (DSS) platform for e governance in form of a common database information system can be easily accessed by departments like, planning, transportation, electricity, revenue.

The other members of the project including Srinivas Pasupuleti, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering; Prof SR Sammader, Associate Professor, Environmental Science Engineering and Dr Satish Kumar, Post Doc Fellow who were present during the interaction with the Central Government team at the Director's Office of the institute said beneficiary of project which also aims to carry out site selection of environmentally suitable landfill sites, will be academic and research institutes of Central & State Government, District



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Mayank Singh, a member of Art Living Foundation who was also present during the power point presentation and meeting along with Sunil Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, PETCI, as NGO members lauded the master plan prepared by the institute

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