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Chairperson, BoG, IIT (ISM) Inaugurates Shatabdi Park; Visits Underground Mine at Moonidih

As part of its ongoing infrastructure and campus beautification initiatives, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad inaugurated Shatabdi Park on Saturday, August 2, 2025. The park was formally inaugurated by Prof. Prem Vrat, Chairperson, Board of Governors, in the presence of Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, during a ceremony held at 5:00 PM in front of Rosaline Hostel.

Plantation was carried out at the newly developed park under the ongoing **एक पेड़ माँ के नाम** drive by Prof. Prem Vrat, Chairperson BoG; Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director IIT (ISM); Mrs. Sakuntala Mishra, President of Deepti Ladies Club and spouse of the Director, Prof. Sukumar Mishra.

Shatabdi Park has been developed to offer students, faculty, and residents a vibrant and inclusive open space. The park features a dedicated children's play area, an open gymnasium, and tree-lined planters. In addition, it is equipped with a boundary wall, lighting poles, bollard lights, and an inviting entrance gate to ensure both functionality and aesthetic appeal.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Prem Vrat praised the institute's efforts to create a more livable and environmentally enriching campus environment, aligning with the broader vision of sustainability and holistic development.

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad is currently witnessing a phase of rapid infrastructural growth. The development of a 1500-seater auditorium, lecture halls under the Centenary Building project, and the upgradation of key facilities such as Penman Auditorium, the NLHC building, and the central library are underway. The institute has also installed modern kitchen equipment in boys' hostels, while the construction of a market complex and restaurant near the temple is progressing steadily. Enhancements to sports infrastructure, a planned multi-purpose indoor sports complex, and upcoming redevelopment of the main gate reflect the institute's commitment to all-round campus improvement. In a move towards sustainability, solar panels will soon be installed across campus, with Damodar Valley Corporation committing to provide 20 percent of the institute's electricity requirements through green energy sources.

Earlier in the day, Prof. Prem Vrat visited the Moonidih underground coal mine of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL), accompanied by Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director, and Mrs. Kusum Lata. The visit was coordinated by S K Panja, Project Officer, and Mine Manager Sunny Rao.

During the visit, Prof. Vrat was briefed on the technological landscape and operational aspects of the mine, including a demonstration of Road Headers and other heavy machinery. Describing the visit as a "once in a lifetime" experience, he expressed deep admiration for the miners and their dedication.

"The miners work in extremely challenging conditions, yet their commitment remains extraordinary. I salute their relentless efforts and invaluable contribution to the energy sector," he said.

With its centenary year marking a transformative phase, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad continues to strengthen its legacy as a leading institute committed to excellence in education, innovation, and societal development.

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