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Center of Excellence (CoE) for empowerment of tribal comes up at IIT (ISM); gets a project worth Rs 1.92 crore from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs on ‘Capacity Building Program for Basic and Advanced Level Information Technology and Computer Training for Tribals in Jharkhand’.

A Centre of Excellence (CoE) has been created at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad with the financial support of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MOTA) of the Government of India to facilitate the empowerment of tribal people in Jharkhand.

The CoE, led by Prof. Rashmi Singh, Assistant Professor of the Department of Management Studies and Industrial Engineering, as its coordinator and principal investigator, will design suitable capacity-building and skill-development programs for tribals of Jharkhand to boost their employment, income, livelihood, and economic well-being.

The center will create an academia-industry-government interface that will promote tribal welfare in Jharkhand. The objective behind the creation of the center is in line with the vision of our Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, for the inclusion of tribal communities in the societal mainstream of the country.

It is to be noted here that with the vision of social inclusion of tribals of our Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, November 15 has been declared as Jan Jatiya Gaurav Divas on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

The center will also create linkages with the various industries in Jharkhand, like BCCL, CCL, Tata Steel, Sail, NTPC, JSPL, Adani Power, Tata Power, etc., to provide employment opportunities to the trained tribal students.

“The first project under the center titled ‘Capacity Building Programme for Basic and Advanced Level Information Technology and Computer Training for Tribals in Jharkhand’ has been sanctioned with total funding of 1.92 crore,” said Prof. Rashmi Singh.

“The first phase of the capacity-building program will start with the training of tribal students from grades 10 to 12 at the Eklavya Model Residential Schools of Jharkhand, and the second phase will include tribal students from Ashram schools and government schools,” further said Prof. Singh.

The team of the Centre of Excellence, led by Prof. Singh, had already visited different Eklavya Model Residential schools in Jharkhand during the last week, including Eklavya Model Residential School in Salagdih Ranchi on April 25, Eklavya Model Residential School in Kathjoria, Dumka, and Eklavya Model Residential School in Sundarparhari Gooda on April 27.

Prof. Singh is already working on a similar project of the Department of Science and Technology as principal investigator, titled Improving the Economic Well-Being of Scheduled Tribe Communities Using Game Theoretic and Operations Research Techniques in Jamtara District of Jharkhand State.

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