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## **Press Release**

### **Cultural Exchange Program "Yuva Sangam" Brings Uttarakhand Youth to IIT (ISM), Dhanbad**

A 31-member contingent of youth from Uttarakhand, part of the cultural and educational exchange program Yuva Sangam, visited various parts of Dhanbad, including the Belgarhia township, on January 18. Their visit aimed to foster cultural understanding and provide insights into the region's socio-economic development.

During their visit to Belgarhia, the team—comprising 17 boys and 14 girls—interacted with newly rehabilitated residents from the underground fire-affected areas of Jharia. They learned about the livelihood opportunities, living conditions, and facilities available in the township, including residential quarters, market complexes, and parks.

The Belgarhia township, developed under the Jharia Master Plan, features 2,352 quarters constructed by the Jharia Rehabilitation Development Authority (JRDA) to provide housing for displaced families.

After returning to the IIT (ISM) campus, the youth toured the institute's Longwall Gallery and gained firsthand experience of underground mining operations.

Earlier, on January 16, the troupe received a warm welcome at the inaugural ceremony of Yuva Sangam's second stage, held at the Golden Jubilee Lecture Theatre of IIT (ISM). Following their stay in Dhanbad, the team visited Ranchi, where they explored the Raj Bhavan, the iconic Pahadi Mandir, and other cultural and heritage sites from January 17 to January 18.

Prof. Sanjeev Anand Sahu from the Department of Mathematics and Computing at IIT (ISM), who serves as the state nodal officer for Yuva Sangam, shared that the team will visit Kusunda mining sites on January 20. On January 21, they will head to Maithon to witness Damodar Valley Corporation's hydroelectric power plant and explore the scenic Maithon Lake.

The cultural exchange program is part of Yuva Sangam Phase 5, jointly organized by IIT (ISM) and IIT Roorkee. During Stage 1 of the initiative, 43 youth from Jharkhand visited various parts of Uttarakhand, including Dehradun and other scenic and industrial hubs, from November 29 to December 4, 2024. Now, in Stage 2, the Uttarakhand youth are visiting Jharkhand to deepen their understanding of the state's culture, industry, and environment.

#### **About Yuva Sangam:**

Yuva Sangam is a unique initiative aimed at promoting cultural integration and knowledge sharing among the youth of India, fostering unity and understanding through immersive educational and cultural experiences.

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