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## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Director Prof. Sukumar Mishra Elected President of Vigyan Bharati Jharkhand**

The General Body Meeting of Vigyan Bharati Jharkhand was successfully held at the CSIR–Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR), Dhanbad, bringing together leading scientists, academicians, and industry representatives to discuss key initiatives and adopt a roadmap for the organization’s future activities.

The meeting witnessed the presence of eminent dignitaries including Akhil Bharatiya Sangathan Mantri Dr. Shiv Kumar Sharma, Akhil Bharatiya Sah-Sangathan Mantri Shri Praveen Ramdas, National Governing Council member and Jharkhand Prabhari Dr. N.P. Shukla, and Governing Council Member & National Convenor (Registration & Outreach) of VVM Shri Naresh Chafekar. More than 50 life members representing institutions such as CSIR–CIMFR, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, BCCL, CCL, Central University of Jharkhand, and Usha Martin Ranchi attended the session.

A major highlight was the election of the new Executive Committee of Vigyan Bharati Jharkhand, with Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, assuming the role of President. Other key positions include Dr. Chandrashekhar Dwivedi (Secretary, Central University of Jharkhand), Dr. J.K. Pandey (Vice President, CSIR–CIMFR), Prof. Dheeraj (Vice President, IIT (ISM)), Dr. M.P. Roy (Vice President, CSIR–CIMFR), Shri S.K. Kashyap (Joint Secretary), and Dr. Ravindra Shetty (Treasurer, BCCL).

In his first address as President, Prof. Mishra expressed gratitude for the trust placed in him and emphasized the importance of scientific innovation rooted in the Indian Knowledge System. “We aim to host impactful programs at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad that will strengthen Vigyan Bharati’s presence in Jharkhand, with special focus on mining, environmental sciences, and the integration of traditional wisdom with modern technology,” he said.

The meeting also outlined major upcoming events, including an International Conference on Environment, Mining, and Energy to be jointly organized by IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and CSIR–CIMFR, and a conference celebrating the contributions of renowned geologist Pramatha Nath Bose in Jamshedpur and Ranchi. Vigyan Bharati’s Sthapana Diwas celebrations will be held from 21 October across multiple districts.

The session saw the formal launch of the Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) Jharkhand Brochure, with Shri Naresh Chafekar detailing its journey as India’s largest science talent search for students, supported by the Ministry of Education.

Speaking at the event, Dr. N.P. Shukla highlighted the need to present science from an Indian perspective, while Dr. Shiv Kumar Sharma praised the balanced representation of experienced scholars and young talent in the new committee, reaffirming Vigyan Bharati’s mission to connect traditional knowledge with modern science.

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