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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Launches Weeklong National Anti-Ragging Day Observance

The weeklong observance of *National Anti-Ragging Day*, being organized by the Office of Dean (Students' Welfare) of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad in accordance with the directive of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, commenced today at the Penman Auditorium of the institute.

The inaugural day featured a series of activities including the screening of a short film on anti-ragging, a national-level poster-making contest, a quiz competition conducted by the Quiz Club, and thought-provoking speeches by Prof. S.K. Gupta, Dean (Students' Welfare), and Prof. Sanjoy Mandal, Associate Dean (Students' Welfare) – Students' Activities.

Organized with the support of the IIT (ISM) Students' Gymkhana, the event began with a welcome address by Ayush Tiwari, a second-year B.Tech (Petroleum Engineering) student, who also served as the anchor for the day. Prof. Sanjoy Mandal, in his address, underlined the significance of anti-ragging awareness initiatives, while Prof. S.K. Gupta highlighted the strict directives of the Supreme Court regarding the prevention of ragging on campuses.

The short film, portraying the real-life impact on victims of ragging, resonated deeply with the audience. The day's program also included a *Nasha Mukti* awareness talk, pledge-taking by participants, and the online national poster-making contest. This was followed by a lively quiz session.

As part of the program, a special video on the *Har Ghar Tiranga* campaign was also screened, adding a patriotic touch to the proceedings.

The weeklong observance will continue with a variety of activities aimed at fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive campus environment.

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