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Geological Museum of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Featured in National Directory of Science Museums and Centres

The Geological Museum of the Department of Applied Geology at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has been featured in the recently released “Directory of Science Museums and Science Centres in India,” compiled by the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. This comprehensive directory also includes a detailed listing of planetariums across the country.

Established in 1926, the Geological Museum is one of the oldest of its kind in India and represents a rich legacy of geological education and research. With more than 1,200 exhibits, the museum serves as a vibrant repository of geological specimens, including a wide variety of rocks, minerals, crystal models, fossils, and educational models explaining earth processes and the evolution of life.

The museum is particularly known for its diverse and rare collections. Among its major highlights are extensive displays of Indian and international geological samples, covering rocks, ores, hydrocarbons, and meteorites. It also boasts a comprehensive fossil record from different geological ages and an impressive assortment of gemstones in both natural and polished forms. These displays make the museum a compelling destination not only for students and researchers but also for general visitors with an interest in earth sciences.

Its inclusion in the national directory is a significant recognition of the museum’s educational value and outreach. As part of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad’s efforts to promote scientific awareness and learning, the museum regularly hosts academic visits, school groups, and thematic exhibitions aimed at cultivating curiosity and scientific thinking among young minds.

The National Council of Science Museums plays a key role in promoting science and innovation through its nationwide network of science centres, science cities, innovation hubs, and mobile exhibitions. The addition of the Geological Museum of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad to its directory reinforces the importance of geology in the larger narrative of science education in India.

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