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**Young innovators from 10 remote schools of Jharkhand congregate at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad to execute their innovative ideas into reality as grand finale week of biggest innovation contest, Jharkhand School Innovation Challenge, JH-SIC 2023 kick starts.**

Over 40 young innovators from 10 remote schools of different parts of Jharkhand, who congregated at IIT (ISM) to participate in the grand finale week of the biggest innovation contest, Jharkhand School Innovation Challenge, JH-SIC 2023, witnessed the innovative ideas taking shape into reality as startup projects as they visited different state of the art labs of the institute at its coal technology innovation hub, TEXMiN and Atal Community Innovation Centre (ACIC).

The occasion was the inaugural day of the JH-SIC 2023, during which the visitors also interacted with Prof JK Pattanayak, Director IIT (ISM) and learnt about the innovation promotion activities being carried out at the institute at its different centers including Naresh Vashisht Centre Tinkering and Innovation (NVCTI), TEXMiN and ACIC, including the training and startup promotion activities.

Speaking during the inaugural function of the week-long event held at i2h building this morning at around 10 a.m., Prof JK Pattanayak who graced the occasion as chief guest encouraged the visitors to work on innovative ideas and said “Your selection among the top 10 school teams out of more than 150 teams from across the state passing through four different phases of selection speaks volumes about your talent and you will get necessary guidance and support to execute your ideas into reality”

Echoing sentiments, Prof Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director who was also present during the function as Guest of Honour said “We are organizing the innovation contest, JH-SIC every year since last three years in order to help to provide platform to the hidden talent and help them to execute their scientific ideas into reality”.

Prof Pankaj Mishra, Acting Dean (Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship) gave details of the innovative activities being carried out by undergraduate students at different state of art labs of NVCTI, including, IOT lab, Robotics and Animation Centre etc”

Rajen Dasgupta, Executive Officer, NVCTI, gave details of the week long schedule to the visiting students and their mentor teachers accompanying them.

Notably, innovative Ideas have been invited by IIT (ISM) from different schools across the state as per 250 ideas from over 150 schools were received out of which 10 school’s ideas including that of DBMS English School, Jamshedpur; DAV Public School, Koylanagar; DAV Public School, CCL, NTS, Barkakana; DAV PS CCL, Giridih; Savitri Devi DAV Public School, Namupara, Jamtara; SDSM School for Excellence, East Singhbhum; Delhi Public School, Bokaro; Hill Top School, East Singhbhum and Loyola School, East Singhbhum have been selected for participating in grand finale beginning today.

Based on the seven day innovative activities during the grand finale week during which they will also be helped to execute their ideas, the showcasing of ideas will be held on September 8 after which the judgment will be carried out and winners will be awarded on September 9 during the Award Ceremony.

The first three winners will get cash prized worth Rs 50000, Rs 30000 and Rs 10000 while the consolation prize of Rs 10000 each will be given to fourth and fifth position holders of the contest.

“We will also provide all support to the winners to develop their ideas into reality to be used on commercial scale” summed up Dasgupta.

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