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**PRESS-RELEASE**

**III–2026 to Be Held at IIT (ISM) from February 6; Governor of Jharkhand to Inaugurate**

IIT (ISM) will host the Industry–Institute Interaction (III–2026) from February 6 to 8, 2026, creating a major platform dedicated to science, technology, innovation and national development where scientists, industry experts, researchers, academicians and students from across the country will come together.

Details of the mega event were shared during a press conference at the Administrative Block of the institute in the presence of Director Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director of CIMFR, Prof. A.K. Mishra, IIT (ISM) Deputy Director Prof. Dheeraj Kumar and representatives of Vijnana Bharti. Prof. Sukumar Mishra informed that III–2026 will be inaugurated on February 6 by the Hon’ble Governor of Jharkhand, Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar in the presence of leading figures from industry, science and academia, and highlighted that one of the key attractions will be the opening of the institute’s advanced laboratories for public visits, enabling visitors to witness ongoing research activities and projects.

Prof A k Mishra noted that participating CSIR laboratories will showcase work in advanced materials, mineral processing, cellular biology and medical devices, while “Space on Wheels” initiative is also drawing attention by presenting India’s achievements in space research, and IIT (ISM)’s contributions in green energy and critical mineral exploration will be prominently displayed.

Deputy Director Prof. Dheeraj Kumar stated that several flagship Memorandum of Understanding will be exchanged through , including an MoU with Joint Stock Company “State Research and Design Institute of Rare Metal Industry (GIREDMET)”, Russia, associated with Rosatom Science; an MoU with ; an MoU with Aarav Unmanned Systems Pvt. Ltd. (Aereo) for establishing the TEXMiN Aereo Aerial Intelligence in Mining–Centre of Excellence (TAIM); an MoU with Reactor for Centre of Excellence for Digital Planning and Smart Operations in Mining (KoE-DPSOM); an MoU with Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS); an MoU with Deepak Mining Solutions Ltd., a subsidiary of DFPCL; and an MoU with RESCMM Solutions. The (GSI) team will also deliver a detailed presentation on activities related to critical minerals. III–2026 is envisioned as a comprehensive platform for industry–academia collaboration, technology demonstration and scientific outreach, reinforcing innovation-driven growth and contributing to the vision of a self-reliant and developed India.

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