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### **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Celebrates Historic 100th Foundation Day; Shri Gautam Adani Delivers Visionary Address Marking a Century of Excellence**

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad today marked a defining moment in its illustrious history as it celebrated its **100th Foundation Day**, commemorating a century of pioneering contributions to engineering, earth sciences, energy research, scientific innovation and national service. The ceremony at Penman Auditorium—graced by **Shri Gautam Adani**, Chairman of the Adani Group, as the **Chief Guest**—stood as the grand culmination of the Centenary Foundation Week (December 3–9, 2025), which was inaugurated earlier by Dr. P. K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister. The week featured thematic symposia, exhibitions, cultural events, alumni interactions and community programmes that highlighted the institute’s rich legacy and forward-looking vision. The Foundation Day ceremony began with a formal welcome, floral greetings, lighting of the ceremonial lamp and an invocation, elegantly anchored by **Prof. Rajni Singh**, Dean (Corporate Communications).

Delivering the **Foundation Day Address**, **Shri Gautam Adani** said India must define its own development trajectory in a world marked increasingly by fractured alliances and strategic self-preservation. He emphasised that in the 21st century, true sovereignty would depend on a nation’s command over its natural resources and energy systems. Reflecting on the institute’s origins, he said IIT (ISM) was born from a farsighted national aspiration—an early civilisational understanding that a country cannot rise without mastering the strength beneath its soil. **“Master the resources below our feet, and master the energy that fuels our rise—these are the twin pillars of India’s economic independence,”** he declared. Warning against **“narrative colonisation,”** he said countries historically responsible for emissions now attempt to steer how developing nations pursue growth. **“If we do not control our own narrative, our aspirations will be delegitimised and our right to progress portrayed as a global offence,”** he cautioned. He highlighted India’s sustainability achievements—surpassing 50% non-fossil installed capacity despite being one of the world’s lowest per-capita emitters—and cited the Adani Group’s investments from the Carmichael mine to the Khavda renewable energy park. Announcing **50 annual paid internships with pre-placement opportunities** and the **Adani 3S Mining Excellence Centre** in partnership with TEXMiN, he called this era India’s **“Second Freedom Struggle”**—a struggle for economic and resource sovereignty—and urged students to **“dream fearlessly, act relentlessly”** as custodians of India’s core capabilities.

In his remarks during the ceremony, **Prof. Prem Vrat**, Chairman of the Board of Governors, reflected on the profound significance of the centenary, describing it as the celebration of a vision born in 1926 and strengthened across generations. He said IIT (ISM)’s journey from a specialised mining school to a globally connected, multidisciplinary institution exemplified the values of rigour, relevance and responsibility. Appreciating the dedication of faculty, the passion of students, the achievements of alumni and the partnership of industry, he emphasised that no institution endures for a century without a collective belief in its purpose. A centenary, he noted, is both a tribute to the past and an invitation to imagine the next hundred years with courage and commitment.

Director **Prof. Sukumar Mishra**, in his welcome address, described the occasion as an emotional and historic milestone, representing a century of intellectual evolution—from a school dedicated to mining sciences to a comprehensive, innovation-driven institute shaping national development. He said the story of IIT (ISM) mirrors India’s own scientific awakening and highlighted the institute’s expanding footprint in areas such as energy systems, artificial intelligence, sustainability and societal research. Paying tribute to faculty, students, staff, alumni and partners, he reiterated the institute’s commitment to excellence, integrity and service. As IIT (ISM) enters its



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second century, he said, its mission to expand horizons, embrace emerging technologies and contribute to national progress remains stronger than ever.

The ceremony also featured a centenary film chronicling the institute's 100-year journey, followed by an award presentation honouring outstanding contributions in academics, research, innovation, leadership and institutional service. After the national anthem, the Chief Guest proceeded to inaugurate the **Adani Centre of Excellence** at the TEXMiN building and interacted with senior executives, faculty and alumni.

The event concluded with a heartfelt **Vote of Thanks delivered by Deputy Director Prof. Dheeraj Kumar**, who expressed gratitude to the Chief Guest, dignitaries, alumni, faculty, staff, students and partners for making the centenary celebrations historic and memorable.

As IIT (ISM) Dhanbad steps confidently into its next century, it reaffirms its commitment to shaping future scientists, engineers, innovators and leaders who will advance India's growth with purpose, creativity and integrity. The centenary marks not just a celebration of legacy, but the beginning of a renewed journey toward national and global excellence.

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