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## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Dominates QS Rankings 2026: India's No. 1 in Mining, Global Rank 21; Petroleum Shines, Mechanical Debuts, Secures 110 in Southern Asia**

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has once again asserted its global and national leadership in technical education with a strong performance in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026. The institute has been ranked **21st globally in Mineral and Mining Engineering**, while retaining the **No. 1 position in India** in the discipline.

Further strengthening its multi-disciplinary excellence, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has secured the **6th position in India in Petroleum Engineering**, and has been placed in the **151–175 global rank band**, reaffirming its growing stature in the energy domain. In a significant milestone, **Mechanical Engineering has been featured for the first time** in the QS subject rankings, securing a position in the **501–575 global rank band**, marking a new chapter in the institute's academic expansion and recognition.

Adding to these achievements, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has been ranked **110th in the QS World University Rankings – Southern Asia 2026**, reflecting its rising prominence across the region.

**Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, expressed his satisfaction over the achievement, stating, "Retaining the top position in India in Mineral and Mining Engineering and securing the 21st rank globally reflects the institute's sustained commitment to excellence. The strong performance in Petroleum Engineering and the first-time inclusion of Mechanical Engineering in the QS subject rankings highlight our growing strength across disciplines. This recognition further motivates us to continue advancing in academics, research, and innovation."

Established in **1926 as the Indian School of Mines**, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has evolved into a premier institution known for its academic rigor and impactful research. Conferred the status of an **Indian Institute of Technology in 2016**, the institute continues to play a pivotal role in shaping professionals across mining, energy, engineering, and allied sectors.

With its legacy of nearly a century and a forward-looking vision, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad continues to scale new heights, reaffirming its position as a global leader in Mineral and Mining Engineering while expanding its footprint across emerging and core engineering disciplines.

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