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## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Hosts Environmental Awareness Visit for Jharia School Students under Centenary Celebration Initiative**

As part of its ongoing Centenary Celebration, the EIACP Programme Centre, Department of Environmental Science and Engineering, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, organized an educational visit for 15 students of Class XI from Jharia (+2) High School, Dhanbad, on Friday, June 13, 2025. Accompanied by two teachers, the students engaged in a day-long immersive experience designed to introduce them to the world of environmental research, scientific instrumentation, and sustainable living.

The visit began at the EIACP Centre, where Programme Officer Bishwajit Das welcomed the students and delivered an engaging session on the *Mission LIFE* (Lifestyle for Environment) campaign. As part of this nationwide initiative, students were encouraged to adopt environmentally responsible habits in daily life. The session emphasized the importance of minimizing plastic usage, conserving water and energy, and managing waste efficiently. "When individuals make small, thoughtful changes in their lifestyle, they collectively contribute to large-scale environmental impact," said Mr. Das, motivating students to become active agents of change in their communities.

Following the orientation, the students embarked on a guided tour of the Department of Environmental Science and Engineering's research laboratories. Here, research scholars demonstrated advanced environmental monitoring instruments and explained their role in tackling pollution, climate change, and other ecological challenges. The students also observed essential laboratory techniques used in environmental studies.

The initiative aimed to spark curiosity among young minds about careers in environmental science and foster an appreciation for the role of science and technology in environmental conservation. For many of the students, it was a rare opportunity to engage directly with scientific tools and interact with researchers at a premier institute.

This visit was made possible with the support of Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad; Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director; Prof. Alok Sinha, Head of the Department of ESE and Coordinator, EIACP (PC-RP); and Prof. Suresh Pandian E., Co-coordinator, EIACP (PC-RP). Valuable guidance was also provided by faculty members Prof. M.K. Jain, Prof. Vipin Kumar, and Prof. Biswajit Paul, Head of CME.

The event was successfully coordinated by Mr. Bishwajit Das, Programme Officer, and Dr. Avantika Chandra, Information Officer, EIACP (PC-RP), Department of Environmental Science and Engineering, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

Through such outreach initiatives, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad continues to uphold its commitment to community engagement, scientific literacy, and environmental stewardship.

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