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### IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Hosts Keynote Lecture on Environmental Governance and Sustainability

As part of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad's centenary celebrations and the ongoing *Mission LiFE Keynote Lecture Series [2025-26]* under the theme *Harnessing Innovation for Environmental Sustainability: Policies, Practices, and Partnerships*, the EIACP Programme Centre (RP), Department of Environmental Science and Engineering (ESE), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, in collaboration with The Institution of Engineers (India) (IEI), Dhanbad Local Centre, organized a keynote lecture-cum-interaction session on “*Environmental Governance, Audits, and ISO Norms: A Roadmap to Compliance and Excellence for a Sustainable Future.*” The event took place at the Seminar Hall, Department of ESE, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

The session commenced with a warm welcome address by **Prof. Alok Sinha**, Head of the Department of ESE and Coordinator, EIACP (PC-RP), IIT (ISM), setting the stage for an insightful and engaging discussion. **Prof. Biswajit Paul**, Professor, Dept. of ESE, IIT (ISM), and Secretary, IEI, Dhanbad Local Centre, introduced the distinguished keynote speakers: **Ms. Gargi Ghosh**, Advisor, and **Mr. Ishan Mehrotra**, Manager Sustainability from The British Standards Institution (BSI), India. He also highlighted the growing importance of environmental governance and compliance in today's evolving regulatory landscape.

Delivering the keynote address, Ms. **Gargi Ghosh** provided an overview of the British Standards Institution (BSI) and its pivotal role in advancing sustainability through globally recognized standards and solutions. She emphasized the significance of ISO certifications in driving sustainable business practices and regulatory compliance.

Joining the session virtually, Mr. **Ishan Mehrotra** presented an engaging lecture on the global risk landscape, advocating for a shift in organizational ideologies from profit-centric models to responsible business practices. His discussion underscored the importance of robust environmental governance, the implementation of international standards, and the transformative potential of ISO certifications in achieving sustainable growth. He also contextualized India's climate action efforts, referencing the **Panchamrit Action Plan** announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** at COP26, which aligns with the vision of *Mission LiFE: Lifestyle for Environment*.

A highly interactive discussion followed, engaging students, research scholars, faculty members, and professionals from esteemed organizations, including members of IEI and officials from TATA Steel and Coal India Limited (CIL). The session fostered an exchange of valuable insights on regulatory compliance and sustainability, highlighting the role of environmental auditors, CSR frameworks, and ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) policies in modern business practices. Participants gained crucial perspectives on career opportunities in environmental sustainability and governance.

The event emphasized the critical role of **environmental governance, audits, and ISO norms** in ensuring sustainable development. It reinforced the importance of compliance, technological advancements, and multi-stakeholder collaborations in achieving excellence in environmental management for long-term ecological and economic benefits.

The session was successfully organized under the guidance of **Prof. Alok Sinha** (HOD, Dept. of ESE & Coordinator, EIACP, IIT (ISM)), **Prof. Biswajit Paul** (Professor, Dept. of ESE & Secretary, IEI, Dhanbad Local Centre), and **Prof. Suresh Pandian E.** (Associate Professor, Dept. of ESE & Co-coordinator, EIACP, IIT (ISM)). The program also received invaluable support from **Prof. Sukumar Mishra**, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, and **Prof. Dheeraj Kumar**, Deputy Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad & Chairman, IEI Dhanbad Local Centre.

With around 80 participants, including students, research scholars, faculty members, and professionals from various industries, the event proved to be a highly engaging and informative platform for discussing sustainable environmental management and governance.

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