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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Hosts National Induction 6.0 Session with Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

The Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad, successfully organized *National Induction 6.0* on August 26, 2025, offering new entrants a unique opportunity to engage with the globally renowned spiritual leader, *Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar*, Founder of the Art of Living Foundation.

The session was streamed live through Zoom and telecasted at the Penman Auditorium of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, drawing participation from students and faculty of more than 1,300 institutions across the country. The event was graced by *Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM)*; *Prof. Rajni Singh, Dean (Corporate Communications)*; *Prof. M.K. Singh, Dean (Academic)*; and other senior faculty members. Delivering the welcome address online, *T.G. Sitharaman, Chairman, AICTE*, spoke on the importance of such interactions in nurturing the holistic development of students.

In his keynote, Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar reflected on the immense contribution of Indian engineers and technocrats across the globe, noting that they hold key positions in NASA, leading technology companies, and institutions across the US, UK, Europe, and Russia. He reminded students of their privilege, pointing out how easy access to knowledge in the digital era sets this generation apart from earlier times, when students had to spend days in libraries to gather information.

While celebrating this advantage, Gurudev also drew attention to the growing mental health challenges faced by young people. He remarked that the youth today often swing between extremes of aggression and depression, which pose serious risks to their well-being. Joining the session online, Director Prof. Sukumar Mishra expressed concern over the increasing stress levels and suicides being reported from campuses nationwide. Responding to this, Gurudev emphasized the importance of communication, advising that students should be encouraged to share their problems with peers and faculty members, so that timely guidance and support can help them overcome stress.

The session, specially designed for students from diverse disciplines, emerged as a transformative and life-enriching experience. It seamlessly blended spiritual wisdom, emotional resilience, and personal empowerment, offering young minds valuable guidance for both their academic and personal journeys. By weaving together the dimensions of spirituality and education, the event set an inspiring and motivational tone for the academic year ahead at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

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