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Press Release

IIT (ISM) Launches 9th Nurturing Future Leadership Programme to Strengthen Academic Leadership

The Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad on Monday inaugurated the **9th edition of the Nurturing Future Leadership Programme (NFLP)** under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) at the FDC Conference Hall-1, i2H Building of the institute. The five-day programme is being organised by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad with the objective of nurturing leadership qualities among faculty members and strengthening institutional governance in higher education.

The programme focuses on developing leadership capabilities, enhancing decision-making skills, promoting collaborative governance and equipping faculty members with competencies required for academic and institutional development.

Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, graced the inaugural session as the Chief Guest. Delivering the welcome address, Prof. Mrinalini Pandey, Coordinator of the Nurturing Future Leadership Programme and PIC of MMTTC, emphasised that leadership in academia is not limited to a few individuals but is a quality that every faculty member can develop. She said the programme aims to empower educators with leadership skills and encourage collaborative academic environments.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Keka Ojha, Dean (Continuing Education Programme), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, highlighted the importance of such capacity-building initiatives in higher education. She noted that programmes like NFLP help faculty members enhance professional competencies and adapt to the evolving demands of academia.

Prof. Somnath Chattopadhyaya, Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, emphasised the importance of visionary and responsible leadership in academia and said faculty members play a key role in shaping future generations and institutions.

In his address, Prof. Dheeraj Kumar said that faculty members associated with leading institutions are natural leaders responsible for guiding academic and societal progress. Highlighting the diverse backgrounds of participants from technical and non-technical institutions, he said such diversity enriches dialogue and learning.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Irfan of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, who expressed gratitude to the chief guest, speakers, organisers and participants.

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