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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Launches Executive Development Programme on Project and Financial Management for SECL Executives

The Department of Management Studies and Industrial Engineering (DMSIE), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, in association with South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), Bilaspur, has inaugurated a five-day **Executive Development Programme (EDP)** on “*Project and Financial Management with Project Management and Simulation Software for Executives of SECL*”. The programme, running from **June 2 to June 6, 2025**, is tailored to enhance strategic capabilities of SECL’s senior executives in key areas of project execution and financial oversight.

The inaugural session was graced today by **Prof. Sukumar Mishra**, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, who presided over the function virtually. Other eminent dignitaries from both IIT (ISM) and SECL were present during the inauguration.

The programme is being coordinated by **Prof. Rashmi Singh** and **Prof. Niladri Das** from the Department of Management Studies. The curriculum is structured to impart critical managerial competencies using cutting-edge project management tools and simulation software.

Distinguished faculty and subject-matter experts delivering sessions include:

- **Prof. Pramod Pathak**, Ex-Professor, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad – *Human Resource Issues in the Coal Mining Sector*
- **Prof. J.K. Pattanayak**, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad – *Strategic Financial Management in the Mining Industry*
- **Prof. Sandeep Mondal**, Head, DMSIE, IIT (ISM) – *Project Scheduling Using Network Techniques*
- **Prof. Rashmi Singh**, IIT (ISM) – *Risk Analysis and Simulation Modeling in the Mining Industry*
- **Prof. Niladri Das**, IIT (ISM) – *Financial Statement Analysis, Capital Budgeting, and Social Cost-Benefit Analysis*
- **Prof. Ganesh Shukla**, Assistant Professor, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur – *Sustainability Issues in Mining Projects*

Key leadership from SECL attending the programme include:

- **Shri Harish Duhan**, Chairman-cum-Managing Director
- **Shri Biranchi Das**, Director (Personnel)
- **Shri Bipra Charan Sethi**, GM HRD
- **Shri Srikant Mahapatra**, Chief Manager (M) HRD

This initiative underscores the commitment of both IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and SECL towards continuous professional development, integrating academic expertise with industry best practices. The focus on simulation-based learning and modern project tools aims to foster sustainable and efficient operations in the coal mining sector.

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