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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Launches G. V. Raghavan Centenary Memorial Scholarship Scheme for Girl Students from Economically Weaker Sections

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad proudly launched the G. V. Raghavan Centenary Memorial Scholarship Scheme on Saturday, April 19, 2025, aimed at supporting girl students from economically weaker sections pursuing education in core earth science and engineering disciplines—Mining, Petroleum, Applied Geology, and Applied Geophysics.

The launch event, held at the Golden Jubilee Lecture Theatre (GJLT), marked a significant milestone with the formal exchange of the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA), officially commencing the Scholarship Scheme. Shri P. M. Prasad, Chairman, Coal India Limited (CIL), graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and addressed the gathering virtually. Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, also joined the event virtually from Delhi. In his address, Prof. Mishra extended heartfelt gratitude to the Raghavan family for their generous contribution towards empowering women in STEM through this impactful initiative.

Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, presided over the ceremony. The event also witnessed the presence of Prof. Rajni Singh, Dean, Corporate Communications; Prof. R. M. Bhattacharjee, Dean, International Relations and Alumni Affairs, who delivered the welcome address; and Prof. Rajiv Upadhyay, who also extended gratitude on behalf of the institute.

All family members of Late Shri GV Raghavan, including his son, daughter, son in law, daughter in law and grandchildren besides the family members of Raghavan Family from Giridih, Dhanbad and different parts of the country were also present during the function held today.

The Raghavan family, hailing from Giridih, Jharkhand, has contributed an endowment donation of INR 1 crore to establish the “G. V. Raghavan Centenary Memorial Scholarship (Tuition Fee Reimbursement)” scheme.

This scholarship will annually support the reimbursement of tuition fees for female students admitted through the IIT-JEE system under the Merit-Cum-Means (MCM) category in the disciplines of Mining Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, and the 5-year Integrated M.Tech programs in Applied Geology and Applied Geophysics.

This visionary initiative is expected to pave the way for increased representation of women in core engineering fields and reflects IIT (ISM) Dhanbad’s continued commitment to inclusive and equitable education.

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