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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Observes World Ozone Day 2025 with Awareness Programme and PPT Competition

To commemorate World Ozone Day 2025, the EIACP Programme Centre (Resource Partner), Department of Environmental Science & Engineering (ESE), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, in collaboration with Insearch NGO, Dhanbad, organized an Awareness cum PowerPoint Presentation Competition on September 13, 2025. The event was aligned with this year's global theme "From Science to Global Action", seeking to educate, engage, and empower students to link ozone protection with meaningful climate action.

The programme began with a welcome address by Prof. Alok Sinha, Head, Department of ESE & Coordinator, EIACP (PC-RP), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, who underscored the vital importance of safeguarding the ozone layer. He further emphasized the role of young minds in innovating sustainable solutions and highlighted the significance of Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) in fostering eco-friendly practices.

An insightful keynote lecture was delivered by Prof. Suresh Pandian, Associate Professor, Department of ESE & Co-Coordinator, EIACP (PC-RP), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, on "India's Cooling Action Plan". Prof. Pandian elaborated on the challenges of cooling demand, ozone-depleting substances (ODSs), and their implications for both ozone depletion and climate change.

The PowerPoint Presentation Competition on the theme "From Ozone Protection to Climate Action: Student Perspectives" witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 35 students representing various colleges of Dhanbad and nearby regions. Participants presented innovative, research-oriented ideas encompassing ozone science, technological innovations, mitigation of ODS emissions, lifestyle transformations under Mission LiFE, and integration of ozone protection with climate resilience.

The event witnessed a vibrant presence of around 130 participants, fostering a dynamic platform for learning, discussion, and idea exchange. The competition not only reflected the academic depth of students but also highlighted their commitment towards environmental stewardship and sustainable living.

The programme concluded with the Mission LiFE pledge, administered by Dr. Avantika Chandra, Information Officer, EIACP (PC-RP), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, wherein all participants pledged to adopt sustainable lifestyles. A vote of thanks was extended by Mr. Ashok Kumar Kanth, Secretary, Insearch NGO, Dhanbad, who acknowledged the spirited involvement of students and the dedicated efforts of organizers.

The event was successfully organized under the leadership of Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, and Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, and with the guidance of Prof. Alok Sinha, Prof. Manish Kumar Jain, Prof. Biswajit Paul, and Prof. Suresh Pandian. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Bishwajit Das, Programme Officer, EIACP (PC-RP), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

The observance reaffirmed that science-driven awareness, when transformed into collective and individual action, can significantly protect the ozone layer and strengthen the fight against climate change.

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