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**IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Observes World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2025
with Focus on Gender Equality in Digital Transformation**

The Department of Electronics Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad, in collaboration with the Dhanbad Local Centre of The Institution of Engineers (India), observed *World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) 2025* at the institute's Academic Complex today.

As part of the program, **Prof. Govind Murmu**, Department of Electronics Engineering, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, delivered a thought-provoking lecture on the theme “*Gender Equality in Digital Transformation*.” He highlighted the existing disparities in digital access and participation across genders, emphasizing the critical need for inclusive policies and proactive engagement to bridge these gaps.

“While global internet usage has created a degree of parity, significant gaps still remain, particularly in marginalized and underrepresented communities,” said Prof. Murmu. He explored the multidimensional aspects of digital gender inequality and underlined the importance of education, infrastructure, and policy reforms to achieve equitable digital participation.

Also speaking on the occasion, **Prof. Bishwajit Paul**, Department of Environmental Science and Engineering, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, and Honorary Secretary of the Dhanbad Local Centre of The Institution of Engineers (India), reflected on the significance of WTISD. “Today, we mark 160 years since the founding of the *International Telecommunication Union (ITU)*, the United Nations' specialized agency for digital technologies,” Prof. Paul stated. “The day is observed globally to raise awareness about the potential of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to advance societies and economies.”

Prof. Paul further remarked, “The theme for WTISD 2025 underscores the promotion of gender equality in digital spaces, aiming to ensure that the transformative power of ICTs is accessible to all. Awareness is the key to achieving gender parity in the digital world.”

The event drew faculty, researchers, and students from various departments, who engaged in an interactive session, underscoring the role of academic institutions in fostering inclusive digital growth.

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