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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Signs Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to Establish Centenary Lecture Series

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed today at the administrative building of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad between the institute, Dr. Mihir Kumar Sinha (an alumnus of the 1966 batch, Petroleum Engineering), and the IIT (ISM) Alumni Association of North America (ISMAANA) to organize a prestigious Centenary Lecture Series titled **Dr. Abanish Chandra and Binapani Sinha Memorial Lectures on “Humanities, Science, and Technology”** as part of the institute’s centenary celebration initiative.

The MoU signing ceremony was graced by the presence of **Dr. Mihir Kumar Sinha; Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM); Prof. Dheeraj Kumar; Prof. R.M. Bhattacharjee, Dean (International Relations and Alumni Affairs); Prof. Rajni Singh, Dean (Corporate Communications); Prof. Rajiv Upadhyay, Faculty In-Charge, Alumni Affairs; Shri Prabodh Pandey, Registrar, IIT (ISM); and Mritunjay Sharma, Assistant Registrar, International Relations and Alumni Affairs.**

Dr. Mihir Kumar Sinha has pledged a **generous fund of USD 125,000 (approximately one crore INR equivalent)** to support the organization of the lecture series in honor of his late parents, **Dr. Abanish Chandra Sinha and Mrs. Binapani Sinha.**

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad will be responsible for the implementation and management of the lecture series, including the administration and investment of the endowed funds. ISMAANA will not have any role in managing or investing the funds once they are transferred to IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

The **Centenary Lecture Series on Humanities, Science, and Technology** aims to provide students, faculty, staff, and invited guests across the campus with the opportunity to engage with esteemed scholars, thought leaders, and domain experts. By offering exposure to diverse perspectives on various humanistic and technological subjects, the lecture series is expected to **enhance the learning experience of students, better prepare them for professional careers, and contribute to their growth as informed members of society.** According to the MoU, **a Nobel Laureate or an internationally recognized distinguished speaker** will be invited each year to deliver a keynote lecture at the institute.

Speaking on this momentous occasion, **Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad,** expressed gratitude for the generous contribution by Dr. Mihir Kumar Sinha and emphasized the significance of the initiative in broadening intellectual horizons and fostering interdisciplinary learning.

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad looks forward to curating an inspiring and impactful lecture series that aligns with its commitment to academic excellence and holistic development.

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