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## IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Students Begin Training at St. Petersburg Mining University under Indo-Russian Collaboration

Under the Indo-Russian academic collaboration, 13 students and scholars from the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad, have commenced a specialized training programme on *Current Trends in the Oil and Gas Industry* at St. Petersburg Mining University, Russia. The training began on June 23 and will continue until July 6.

The initiative is part of the Summer/Winter School programme supported by the International Centre for Competence in Mining Engineering Education under the patronage of UNESCO and IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. The programme aims to foster global academic synergy and provide hands-on exposure to critical advancements in the energy sector.

The training is being coordinated by Prof. Saurabh Datta Gupta, Associate Professor, Department of Applied Geophysics, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, under the guidance of Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM), and Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, in close coordination with the Academic and International Relations & Alumni Affairs (IRAA) section of the institute.

"This collaboration opens new avenues for our students and scholars to gain industry-relevant knowledge through international exposure. The training offers a mix of theoretical instruction, practical learning, and cultural immersion," said Prof. Datta Gupta.

The ongoing programme includes interactive lectures, hands-on training, masterclasses, intensive learning sessions, field visits to production sites, as well as sightseeing and cultural engagements.

In parallel, a batch of nine students and scholars are undergoing training in *Petroleum Geology* at the same university from June 16 to June 29. Furthermore, upcoming training modules include:

- Digital Mining: June 30 to July 13 (12 participants)
- Management in the Mineral Resource Complex: July 14 to July 27 (8 participants)

These initiatives reflect IIT (ISM) Dhanbad's continued commitment to building global competencies among its students and strengthening international academic partnerships.

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