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<u>PRESS RELEASE</u>

IIT (ISM) acts as one of the Nodal Centers for Grand Finale of Smart India Hackathon (SIH) onAugust 25-26

Altogether 113 budding techies of different technical institutes from across the country will be brainstorming together to find out the solution of problems being faced by different government departments.

All this, as IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has been selected as one of 75 nodal Centers for Smart India Hackathon to be organized under the supervision of Innovation Cell of Ministry of Education at Central Library Building of the Institute.

Preparations has already started in this regard on full scale under the leadership of Dhiraj Kumar, Deputy Director of IIT (ISM) who is also the chairman of the organizing committee of the event.

Furnishing details, about the intricacies the event schedule to begin from 8 am on August 25, Pankaj Mishra, Dean (Innovation) said, "the 113 students will be representing 18 different engineering colleges and each team of six members will have at least one female member.

The visiting teams will be accompanied by altogether 23 mentors and the 113 participants at IIT (ISM) would include 69 male and 44 female candidates.

Divulging more details, Ajit Kumar, SPOC of Smart India Hackathon said, "At our nodal centre only the software part of event is scheduled which means that the students will be using coding technique to find out a solution of the problem"

All the 6 problems that will be dealt by the students at our centre will be related to the different issues being faced by the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment, like, Complaint Redressal Machinery; Guidance System for Claims and needs of Labourer; employeement tracking and traceability system-organized sector; employment tracking and traceability system-migrant laborer; e Buddy for Rescued Child Labourer; and Knowledge Sharing Platform for VV Giris National Labour Institute.

Elaborating more about the issue, Ajit Kumar said that though the inauguration will be held at around 8 am on August 25 but the main event related to coding will begin form 9.33 am.

"We have launched preparations to make elaborate arrangements for all aspects of events including, accommodation, transportation, food, medical and security arrangements as students will be spending 36 hours at the main venue developing software solution for the problem statement given to them" and added that the results of event would be declared on 8.20 pm on August 26. EOM

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