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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad launches Executive Development Programme on Safety and Health Management System Audit for WCL Executives

The Department of Mining Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad, in collaboration with Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), inaugurated a six-day **Executive Development Programme (EDP) on “Safety and Health Management System Audit”** on August 18, 2025. The programme, scheduled to continue till August 23, has been specially designed for senior executives of WCL.

The EDP aims to strengthen participants’ competencies in **safety audits, root cause analysis of mine-related incidents, and alignment with evolving regulatory frameworks and global best practices**. Over the six days, participants will benefit from **expert lectures, case studies, and field visits**, enabling them to gain both theoretical knowledge and practical insights into improving safety and health standards in mining operations.

The programme is being coordinated by **Prof. R.M. Bhattacharjee** and co-coordinated by **Prof. P.S. Paul** from the Department of Mining Engineering.

The **inaugural session**, held at the Executive Development Centre of IIT (ISM), was graced by **Prof. Dheeraj Kumar (Deputy Director, IIT (ISM))**, **Prof. Keka Ojha (Dean, Continuing Education Program)**, and **Prof. Bhanwar Singh Choudhary (Head, Department of Mining Engineering)**, who highlighted the critical importance of safety and health management in the mining sector.

Speaking on the occasion, the dignitaries emphasized that initiatives such as this EDP will play a pivotal role in equipping industry professionals with advanced tools and methodologies for creating safer mining environments.

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