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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad to Host Vasantotsav–III 2026, Srijan 2026 and Centenary Basant 2026 in a Grand Confluence of Science, Culture and Alumni Legacy

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad is set to witness an extraordinary convergence of academic excellence, scientific dialogue, cultural vibrancy and alumni engagement in the coming days with the organisation of three major events — *Vasantotsav–III 2026 (Industry–Institute Interaction Conclave & Exhibition)*, *Srijan 2026*, and *Centenary Basant 2026*, the Annual Alumni Meet.

Vasantotsav–III 2026, dedicated to science and culture, will be held from **6th to 8th February 2026** and is being organised as an Industry–Institute Interaction (III-2026) platform by Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA), Jharkhand, in collaboration with IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, TEXMiN (TTRP, DST, Government of India) and CSIR-CIMFR. The conclave will serve as a confluence of scientists, researchers, technologists, industry leaders and knowledge practitioners, focusing on themes such as smart mining, critical minerals and green energy in the context of *Atmanirbhar Bharat*. The event aims to celebrate India’s scientific heritage and contemporary innovations while fostering industry–academia partnerships, knowledge exchange and technology-driven solutions for sustainable development. An exhibition and technical deliberations during the conclave will further strengthen collaborative pathways between research institutions, industries and policy stakeholders.

Running parallel to this knowledge-centric engagement, **Srijan 2026**, the annual techno-cultural festival of the institute, will take place from **5th to 8th February 2026**, transforming the campus into a vibrant hub of creativity, talent and youthful energy. Spread across multiple venues and time slots from Day 0 to Day 3, Srijan will feature a diverse lineup of activities including talks, quizzes, modelling and creative arts, photography, theatre, music, dance, fashion events, gaming and large-scale cultural nights such as EDM and band performances. Competitions like general quizzes, graphic events, clay modelling, performance arts, and talent showcases will provide students with platforms for expression, innovation and collaboration. Major evening attractions including cultural showcases, star performances and themed nights are expected to draw enthusiastic participation, making Srijan not merely a festival of performances but a celebration of participation, discovery and collective campus spirit.

Adding a deeply emotional and historic dimension to these celebrations is **Centenary Basant 2026**, the Annual Alumni Reunion of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, scheduled from **6th to 8th February 2026**. As the institute enters a new century of excellence, this centenary edition of Basant is envisioned as a tribute to the legacy built by generations of alumni. The reunion will feature alumni interactions, memory-lane exhibitions, cultural evenings, and special centenary celebrations designed to reconnect former students with their alma mater and with one another. The event underscores the institute’s enduring bond with its alumni community and highlights their continuing role in inspiring current students and shaping the institution’s future.

Together, Vasantotsav–III 2026, Srijan 2026 and Centenary Basant 2026 represent a unique blend of scientific discourse, industry engagement, cultural dynamism and institutional heritage. The series of events reflects IIT (ISM) Dhanbad’s commitment to integrating knowledge, innovation, tradition and community participation, reinforcing its position as a leading institution contributing to national development and the vision of a developed India.

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