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## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **IIT (ISM) Faculty Members Contribute to STEM Education Initiative as Esteemed Judges at District-Level Deliberation**

In a significant contribution to fostering scientific temper and educational innovation in the region, two faculty members from the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad—**Prof. Madhulika Gupta**, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, and **Prof. Niptika Jana**, Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Geophysics—played a pivotal role as panel judges in the **STEM District Level Deliberation 2025**, held at Dhanbad Public School on August 5, 2025.

Organized under the banner of **Sahodaya School Complex, Dhanbad Chapter**, the event was mandated by CBSE to promote a deeper engagement with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education. It brought together educators from **20 reputed schools** across the district, offering a platform to showcase innovative teaching practices and encourage collaborative learning.

Prof. Gupta and Prof. Jana, both distinguished academics from IIT (ISM), Dhanbad, were invited to serve as **judges on the esteemed panel**, recognizing their academic excellence and commitment to nurturing scientific inquiry. Their insightful feedback and expert evaluation not only guided the participating teams but also uplifted the standard of presentations delivered by the teachers. Their presence added significant value to the event, inspiring participants to think critically and present with confidence.

The deliberation was inaugurated with a ceremonial lamp lighting and address by key dignitaries including **Dr. Sarita Sinha**, Chairperson of the Sahodaya Dhanbad Chapter, and **Mr. Madan Kumar Singh**, Vice Chairman and Principal of Dwarika Memorial Foundation Academy. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by **Mrs. Sharda Mahajan**, Principal of Dhanbad Public School.

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad takes pride in the active role played by its faculty members in advancing grassroots-level STEM initiatives. Their engagement reflects the Institute's unwavering commitment to educational outreach, community engagement, and shaping the future of education through knowledge sharing and mentorship.

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