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IIT (ISM) Holds Induction-cum-Orientation Programme for Newly Admitted Postgraduate Students

Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad, organized an induction-cum-orientation programme for its newly admitted postgraduate students today at the Penman Auditorium. The programme was aimed at familiarizing students of M. Tech, M.Sc. Tech, MA, MBA, and other PG programmes with the institute's academic structure, research opportunities, facilities, and campus life.

Director of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, **Prof. Sukumar Mishra**, in his inaugural address, warmly welcomed the students and described the M. Tech programme as the beginning of a student's research journey. "Unlike B. Tech students, you need to move beyond the syllabus to innovate and explore," he said. He encouraged the students to make the most of the laboratory and academic resources available on campus and emphasized the importance of on-campus learning.

"The togetherness and cohesiveness of campus life offer unmatched academic advantages. While some limitations may arise in terms of personal comfort, these can be transformed into strengths," Prof. Mishra added. He also urged students to freely interact with faculty members regarding academic or personal challenges and emphasized that any form of indiscipline would not be tolerated on campus.

Prof. M.K. Singh, Dean (Academic), briefed students on the academic structure of the institute, outlining the 14-week semester system, mid-semester and end-semester examinations, and evaluation criteria. He elaborated that quizzes would carry 20% weightage, mid-semester exams 30%, and end-semester exams 50%. He also warned against any form of malpractice.

Prof. S.K. Gupta, Dean (Students' Welfare), provided an overview of the hostel amenities, student center facilities, and sports infrastructure. He mentioned that the Student Centre houses 23 vibrant student clubs to encourage co-curricular participation.

Prof. Sagar Pal, Dean (Research), highlighted the extensive research infrastructure at IIT (ISM), describing it as among the best in the country. He urged students to actively engage in research and collaborative projects.

Prof. Alok Das, Dean (Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship) elaborated on the institute's innovation ecosystem, housed in the Innovation Hub, which includes the **Naresh Vashisht Centre for Tinkering and Innovation, Mining Technology Innovation Hub (TEXMiN)**, CIL Innovation Centre, and **Atal Community Innovation Centre (ACIC)**.

Prof. Ajay Mandal, Professor-in-Charge of the Central Library, introduced students to the extensive library facilities, including the state-of-the-art digital library resources available 24/7 for academic support.

The event marked a crucial step in helping the new entrants transition smoothly into their postgraduate journey at one of India's premier institutions.

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