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## **Press-Release**

### **IIT (ISM) Signs MoU with Survey of India to Boost Geospatial Research and Capacity Building**

In a significant step toward strengthening geospatial research, education, and national surveying capability, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Survey of India (Survey of India). The agreement was formalized during a ceremony held at the Conference Hall of the Administrative Building of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

The Survey of India delegation was led by Er. T.P. Mallik, IES, Director, Jharkhand and Bihar Directorate, accompanied by Shri Alok Kumar, Superintending Surveyor, Jharkhand & Bihar GD, Ranchi; and Shri Santosh Kumar, Officer Surveyor.

The IIT (ISM) team was headed by Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, and included Deputy Director Prof. Dheeraj Kumar; Prof. Parthasarathi Das, Dean (R&D); HoD Mining Engineering, Prof. Bhanwar Singh Choudhary; HoD Civil Engineering, Prof. Srinivas Pasupuleti; and Prof. Vasanta Govind Kumar Villuri, Department of Mining Engineering and Nodal Officer of the MoU, along with other faculty members and officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Er. T.P. Mallik expressed his appreciation for the collaboration, noting that the partnership aligns with the National Geospatial Policy 2022. He emphasized that the policy aims to ensure that geospatial data—developed through significant national investment—can benefit the public, researchers, and academic institutions. He highlighted that the MoU will facilitate access to advanced datasets, including those supported by 1,100 CORS across India and Regional Centre of Geodesy, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, drastically reducing the time and equipment traditionally required for acquiring accurate survey coordinates.

Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, expressed enthusiasm about the new opportunities the collaboration will bring, particularly in research, student engagement, and technological advancement in surveying and geospatial applications.

The MoU reflects a shared commitment to fostering innovation, supporting national geospatial infrastructure, and building skilled human resources in this pivotal domain.

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