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## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **IIT (ISM) Students Begin Training at St. Petersburg Mining University under Indo-Russian Collaboration**

The fourth batch of students and scholars from the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad has commenced a two-week summer/winter school programme at St. Petersburg Mining University, Russia, beginning July 14. The training, focused on "*Management in the Mineral Resource Complex*," is part of the ongoing Indo-Russian academic collaboration.

Organised under the recent partnership formalised during the visit of a Russian delegation to IIT (ISM), the programme will run until July 27. It is being supported by a grant from the International Centre for Competence in Mining Engineering Education, under the aegis of UNESCO.

Prof. Saurabh Datta Gupta, Associate Professor in the Department of Applied Geophysics and Professor-in-Charge (International Relations & Alumni Affairs), who is also coordinating the programme, said the training is being conducted at a high level in Russia. "This is an excellent opportunity for students and scholars to gain in-depth knowledge, blending theoretical learning with hands-on industry exposure," he stated.

The curriculum includes interactive lectures, masterclasses, hands-on training sessions, field visits to production sites, and cultural experiences, aiming to provide a holistic international learning environment.

This marks the fourth in a series of themed training modules. The previous three programmes, also hosted in Russia, covered *Petroleum Geology* (June 16–29), *Current Trends in the Oil and Gas Industry* (June 23–July 6), and *Digital Mining* (June 30–July 13), benefiting a total of 34 IIT (ISM) participants.

The initiative underscores IIT (ISM)'s commitment to global academic exchange and skill development in core energy and mining sectors.

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