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## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **IIT (ISM) celebrates 79th Independence Day with patriotic fervour and community spirit**

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad celebrated the 79th Independence Day with pride and enthusiasm at the Oval Ground of the campus. The event began with the hoisting of the National Flag by **Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, followed by the National Anthem. Faculty members, officers, staff, students, alumni, and their families joined the celebration, reflecting the unity and diversity of the institute community.

At the start of his address, Prof. Mishra recalled the monumental success of the institute's **45th Convocation**, during which IIT (ISM) had the honour of hosting the **Hon'ble President of India**, as the Chief Guest in its centenary year. He paid heartfelt tribute to the freedom fighters whose sacrifices paved the way for India's progress.

Elaborating on new initiatives in academics, he highlighted the launch of **seven new courses** from the current session, including the **BS-MS in Physical and Chemical Sciences** and an innovative **Dual Degree B.Tech + MBA**, aimed at enhancing interdisciplinary learning and industry readiness. He also noted the institute's steady progress in research, infrastructure, student welfare, and its improving position in national and global rankings.

Following the flag hoisting, a **Tiranga Yatra** was organised by the **Office of the Dean Students' Welfare**, in which students, faculty, and staff marched from the Oval Ground to the main gate of the institute carrying the National Flag and chanting patriotic slogans. At the main gate, students staged a **nukkad natak** titled "*Azadi: Tohfa Ya Jimmewari*", portraying the responsibilities that come with freedom and inspiring the audience to contribute towards nation-building.

The day also featured community initiatives, including a **Blood Donation Camp** and **Free Eye Check-up Camp** organised by **Fast Forward India**, which drew active participation from students, staff, and local residents. A **Quiz Competition** based on Independence Day-related questions was organised by the **Quiz Club of the institute**, drawing enthusiastic participation from the campus community.

Adding a cultural dimension, the **Scolomin Club** organised patriotic-themed **Art & Craft competitions** and **group dance performances** for children, with prizes awarded to winners.

The celebrations reflected the true spirit of Independence Day — honouring the past, celebrating the present, and looking ahead to a brighter future.

**Jai Hind!**

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