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## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **IIT (ISM) Faculty members visit Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Kathijoria, Dumka as part of Capacity Building Training Programmes on Basic & Advanced Level Information Technology and Computer Training for Tribals in Jharkhand.**

A team of faculty members of IIT (ISM) today (October 1, 2024) visited Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Kathijoria, Dumka, as part of a capacity-building program on basic and advanced level information technology and computer training being conducted by the Centre of Excellence for tribal development at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad for 12 tribal students of Class 10, 11, and of different Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) of Jharkhand.

The team, comprising of Prof. Niladri Das and Prof. Rashmi Singh, interacted with the students, guiding them through key aspects of basic computer knowledge. The professors not only provided technical insights but also offered motivational guidance, emphasizing the importance of mastering information technology in today's world.

The students, on the other hand, appeared quite enthusiastic during the sessions and were eager to learn and use the newly acquired skills in information technology in their studies and day to day work.

The students also expressed their excitement about the opportunity to receive high-quality training from the experts of premiere institution like IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. Some of the students also explained to the visiting teachers that how the program has helped to boost their confidence and motivated them to increase their use of computers and accessing technology, which they believe will help them in future educational and career endeavors.

The capacity-building program on basic and advanced level information technology and computer training is being conducted by the Centre of Excellence for tribal development at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad for more than 1500 tribal students of altogether seven Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), including at EMRS Kathijoria, EMRS Basia, EMRS Talaria, EMRS Salgadih, EMRS Kujra, EMRS Torsindri, and EMRS Bhognadih since July 1.

“The training program aims to equip these students with the essential digital skills needed for both their academic and professional futures,” said Prof. Singh, who is the coordinator of the CoE, and added that the initiative is part of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad's broader outreach efforts to foster educational growth and provide opportunities for capacity building in underserved regions.

“This initiative is expected to have a lasting impact on the students, helping them gain confidence and proficiency in basic IT and computer operations,” further said Prof. Singh.

“The capacity-building training program is a step forward in bridging the digital divide and empowering young minds in Jharkhand with the skills required for the modern world,” said Prof. Das.

The visit of the distinguished professors from IIT (ISM) Dhanbad marks a meaningful collaboration between premier educational institutions and local schools, contributing to the overall development of students.

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