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### **IIT (ISM) launches Executive MBA 2026–28 admissions for working professionals**

The IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has opened the **online admission portal for its Executive MBA programme for the 2026–28 session from March 15, 2026**, inviting applications from working professionals, executives and entrepreneurs who wish to upgrade their managerial skills while continuing their careers.

The **Executive MBA programme, which was introduced in 2012, is now offered as a two-year programme (four semesters)** to provide comprehensive management education for working executives. The programme is conducted by the **Department of Management Studies and Industrial Engineering** and is designed to help professionals strengthen their managerial, leadership and strategic decision-making capabilities without interrupting their professional commitments.

The programme is conducted largely in **online mode for working professionals**, while **mid-semester and end-semester examinations are held in physical mode at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and the institute's extension centres in Kolkata and Delhi**.

Participants in previous batches have come from several reputed organisations including **Coal India and its subsidiaries, SBI and other public sector banks, HDFC Bank and other private sector banks, SAIL, TCS, Tata Steel, Tata Power, Tata Motors, NTPC, Indian Railways, Infosys, PwC, ONGC and IOCL**.

**Professor Sandeep Mondal, Head of the Department of Management Studies and Industrial Engineering**, said the programme has been structured to enable professionals to upgrade their management skills while continuing their careers. "The Executive MBA programme at IIT (ISM) is designed to equip working professionals with contemporary management knowledge and analytical skills required in a rapidly evolving business environment," he said. **Classes for the programme will be conducted online from Wednesday to Saturday between 7 pm and 9.50 pm, while Sunday sessions will run from 10 am to 5.50 pm**, making it convenient for professionals from industry and public sector organisations to participate.

The **total programme fee is ₹6,00,000 for the two-year course**, payable semester-wise. The programme has a **sanctioned intake of 100 seats**, and admissions will follow the **reservation policy of the Government of India for higher educational institutions**.

Under the **eligibility criteria**, candidates must have a **bachelor's degree (10+2+3 or equivalent) from a recognised institution with at least 50% aggregate marks**, while **SC, ST and Persons with Disability candidates require a minimum of 45% marks**. Applicants must also have a **minimum of one year of post-qualification work experience** as executives, supervisors or professionals in industry, R&D organisations, government, semi-government or reputed private sector organisations. Entrepreneurs applying for the programme must have **registered firms with a minimum annual turnover of ₹2 Crore supported by audited financial statements**.

**Prof. Niladri Das, Coordinator of the Executive MBA programme**, said the admission process will involve a **written entrance test to be conducted at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, which will assess the **managerial aptitude and general awareness of candidates**. "Shortlisted candidates will subsequently appear for an online interview and the final selection will be based on the combined performance in the written test and interview," he said.

Interested candidates can **apply online through the institute website ([www.iitism.ac.in](http://www.iitism.ac.in))** by paying an **application fee of ₹2,000**.

According to the admission schedule, **the application portal opened on March 15, 2026 and will remain open till May 31, 2026**. The **written entrance test will be conducted on June 14**, followed by **online interviews on June 16 and 17**. The **results are tentatively expected to be declared on July 3**, while the **admission process for selected candidates will take place between July 6 and July 13**. The **Executive MBA classes for the new batch will commence on July 25, 2026**.

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