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### IIT (ISM) offers warm welcome to the newly enrolled international students

Aimed at developing a sense of community among newly enrolled International students and also at providing them a glimpse into the varied and fascinating academic career awaiting them, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad organized a welcome meet last evening (August 21) at International Hostel of the Institute.

The 18 newly admitted students who began their academic journey at IIT (ISM) belonged to Srilanka, Nepal, Thailand, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Kenya, Congo, Tanzania, Syria and Sierra Leone.

Speaking during the occasion, Prof JK Pattanayak, Director, IIT (ISM), who was present during the function as chief guest talked about modern trends in education system. He also spoke extensively on the institute's journey, its future aspirations, and the role played by the students and the faculty members in shaping its legacy.

Prof. Dheeraj Kumar during his address talked about the institute's dedicated efforts towards the holistic growth of students and also emphasized on how the institute serves as a home away from home for the students rather than being merely as a college. He also proposed to Prof MK Singh, Dean of Student Welfare to initiate events that would celebrate the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat'.

Prof. R.M Bhattacharjee, Dean of IRAA, while extending the welcome to the students, highlighted the significance of cultural exchange in modern education. He shared insights into how IIT-ISM-Dhanbad nurtures an environment where students from around the world converge to learn, Innovate, and evolve.

Prof Rajni Singh, Dean (Media & Branding) said that the International Students would act as Brand Ambassadors of IIT (ISM) at International Fora after leaving the institute.

Prof MK Singh, Dean of Student Welfare, shared his perspective on the vibrant campus life that IIT ISM Dhanbad offers. He also spoke about the various activities, students clubs and cultural experiences that enrich student life inside the campus while also giving the details of facilities like mess facilities available at campus.

Prof. Chiranjeev Kumar, Dean (Academic) spoke about the need to go beyond the academics to keep up with the demand of today's highly evolving world.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks extended by Associate Dean of International Relations, Prof Gauri Shankar to all the dignitaries, SAIRC members and staff members. This was followed by the distribution of traditional bandis to the international students.

Prof. Rajeev Upadhyay, Associate Dean(Alumni Affairs); Saurabh Datta Gupta, Associate Dean(Hostels); Prof. Prashant Sharma (Chief Hostel Warden); Prof. Swapnil Mishra(Warden), Ram Manohar (Warden) and others were also present during the function.



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