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Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Celebrates 99th Foundation Day on 9th December 2024

The Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) (IIT (ISM)) proudly announces the celebration of its 99th Foundation Day, marking nearly a century of excellence in education and research within the mining and allied industries. This significant milestone reflects the institute's enduring commitment to academic rigor and community-oriented initiatives.

The 99th Foundation Day celebrations will honor distinguished researchers and long-serving employees, as well as recognize the invaluable contributions of its esteemed alumni who have shaped the institute's legacy. Notable awards to be presented include the Inder Mohan Thapar Award for research scholars, the International Student of the Year Award, and several alumni awards such as the ISMAANA Academic Excellence Award, ISMAANA Ganesh & Pushpa Thakur Research Excellence Award, Srinivasan Padmanabhan Academic Award, and the Smt. Lalitha Srinivasan Innovation & Invention Award.

Esteemed guests will grace the occasion, including Shri Santosh Gangwar, Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand; Shri PM Prasad, Chairman and Managing Director of Coal India Limited; Shri BP Singh, Director in Charge of Burnpur and Durgapur Steel Plant, SAIL; Prof. Prem Vrat, Chairman of the Board of Governors, IIT (ISM); and Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director of IIT (ISM). These dignitaries will deliver thought-provoking addresses to inspire attendees.

A significant highlight of the day will be the plantation of 100 fruit-bearing trees across the campus, symbolizing IIT (ISM)'s dedication to sustainability and environmental stewardship. Additionally, over 200 school students will be welcomed to explore the institute's state-of-the-art laboratories and geological museum, fostering early interest in science and technology.

The celebrations will culminate in a cultural evening at the Penman Auditorium, featuring performances by eminent artists, including members of the NAAD group and the Sridhara Dance Academy.

A centennial lecture will be delivered by Prof. Prem Vrat, Chairman of the Board of Governors, IIT (ISM), reflecting on the institute's rich history and future aspirations.

Founded in 1926 and modeled after the Royal School of Mines in London, IIT (ISM) was established to provide skilled manpower to the mining industry. Over the past 99 years, the institute has evolved significantly, now playing a crucial role in national development through research in critical mineral exploration, carbon capture, and clean coal technology.

IIT (ISM) has diversified its academic offerings beyond mining and applied geology, now encompassing 17 centers of excellence, including the Faculty Development Centre, Centre for Societal Mission, Centre of Excellence in Renewable Energy, and Centre for Water Resource Management. Currently, the institute serves approximately 7,800 students and employs 376 faculty members across various disciplines.

In 2016, the Indian School of Mines was awarded the prestigious designation of an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), further solidifying its commitment to excellence in education and research. As IIT (ISM) approaches its centenary, it remains steadfast in its mission to advance knowledge and contribute to the betterment of society.

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