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International Conference TARGETs-2026 Underway at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad; Focus on Reforming Green Energy Technologies

The three-day International Conference “TARGETs-2026” (Trends and Advances in Reforming Green Energy Technologies) being organized by the Department of Physics, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, in association with the Department of Energy Science and Engineering (DESE), IIT Delhi, is progressing with enthusiastic participation from researchers, academicians and industry professionals from across the country and abroad.

The conference began on January 13 and today marks the second day of the deliberations. The event will conclude tomorrow, February 15.

The inaugural function was held on February 13 in the presence of Shri Devendra Verma, Scientist-G and Associate Director, DRDO, Delhi, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, he emphasized the strategic importance of green energy technologies in strengthening national energy security and promoting sustainable development.

Among others present during the inaugural session were Prof Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad; Prof V K Rai, Head, Department of Physics; Prof R B Choudhary, Convener of the conference; Prof S K Sharma, Co-Convener-I; Prof B B Sahu, Co-Convener-II; and Prof Shalu, Organizing Secretary.

TARGETs-2026 serves as an international forum to disseminate conceptual innovations and emerging research in green energy technologies. The conference aims to motivate young faculty members, researchers, engineers and scholars while fostering academic–industry interaction in the field of energy conversion and storage technologies.

Key thematic areas include energy crisis and solutions, fossil and nuclear power technologies, geothermal and hydroelectric energy, carbon-based materials such as graphene and CNTs, metal-ion and solid-state batteries, hydrogen energy production and storage, fuel cell technologies, solar photovoltaics, electrochemical capacitors, thermoelectric and triboelectric nanogenerators, and battery-powered vehicles.

The conference continues with technical sessions, invited lectures and research presentations, offering a vibrant platform for knowledge exchange and collaborative opportunities in advancing sustainable and environment-friendly energy solutions.

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