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## **PRESS-RELEASE**

### **International Day of Light celebrated at IIT(ISM) Dhanbad.**

International Day of Light was celebrated on May 16, 2024 at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad by Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE) Student Chapter and Optica (formerly OSA) Student Chapter, IIT(ISM), Dhanbad under the theme of "Light in Our Lives, to let the light guide us the way forward."

Held in the PG Seminar Room of Department of Electronics Engineering, IIT(ISM) Dhanbad, the day long activities/events conducted during the celebration, included Quiz and Photography Competitions.

Prof. Devendra Chack (Faculty Advisor Optica), Prof. Amitesh (Faculty Co-Advisor), and Prof. Jaisingh Thangaraj (Faculty Adviser SPIE) conducted the event in association with the student office bearers of Optica and SPIE Student Chapter of IIT(ISM) Dhanbad.

"The International Day of Light is celebrated every year to mark the anniversary of first successful laser operation in 1960 by Physicist, Theodore Maiman" said Prof. Chack

"The purpose of celebrating this day is to encourage scientific collaboration and explore the possibilities of light based technologies to promote peace and sustainable development" added Prof. Chack.

The celebration offers various sectors of the society around the world the opportunity to engage in activities that showcase how Scientific, Technology, Art and Culture can contribute to achieving the goals of UNESCO. These goals include establishing the ground work for peaceful societies.

Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE) founded in 1955 is a nonprofit Professional Society for Optics and Photonic Technology while Optica is a leading society in Optics and Photonics.

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