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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Biggest Innovation Contest for school students, Jharkhand School Innovation Challenge (JH-SIC) kick starts at IIT (ISM); Students of Class VII to XII from across the state to participate in the event.**

The latest edition of Jharkhand School Innovation Challenge (JH-SIC) 2024, the biggest annual innovation contest of Jharkhand for school students, which is an initiative of innovation and tinkering hub of IIT (ISM), Naresh Vashistht Center for Tinkering and Innovation (NVCTI) to promote innovation and creativity among school students kicked off today (On Friday) with the formal launching of the registration process for the contest in presence of Prof JK Pattanayak, Director and others including Prof Dhiraj Kumar, Deputy Director.

“The registration process for JH-SIC 2024, which is being organized this time on the theme of Sustainable Development Goal (For Junior students of the Class VII to X) and Cyber Physical Systems (For Senior student of Class XI and XII) will conclude on May 10 while the last date of submission of ideas for the contest is May 15” said Prof JK Pattanayak..

“The results of shortlisted teams for the challenge will be announced on May 20 while the presentation based on the selected ideas will be held on May 25” added Prof Pattanayak.

“The winners of presentation round will be announced on May 26 while the presentation of working prototype will take place on July 22” said Prof Dhiraj Kumar.

“The results of the prototype presentation round will be announced on July 24 while on site mentoring by experts for selected teams for prototype development round will be held during the week long final round scheduled from August 5-9 the grand finale of which is scheduled on August 10” said Prof Alok Kumar Das, Dean (Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship).

“Such events help in developing their critical thinking, problem solving and analytical skills of students” said Prof Ajit Kumar, Faculty in Charge (ISD).

“The challenge also offers a platform for students to showcase their innovative ideas and projects to a wider audience, including educators, industry professionals and policy makers” further said Kumar and added that It also helps in recognizing and rewarding talented students and provides them the exposure and networking opportunities.

The challenge encourage students to work in teams and collaborate with peers, teachers and experts from various fields. The collaboration fosters teamwork, communication skills and ability to work efficiently in a group.

Notably, students of Class 7 to 12 of any school of Jharkhand are eligible to participate in the event in a team of maximum 3 members. Each school can submit a maximum of two ideas or two teams with one unique idea each from junior and senior Category. Students can't participate directly and only schools can register teams from their registered ID on the JH-SIC 2024 portal.

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