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Khanan 2024, the Two day Annual Techno-Mining Fest of IIT (ISM) kicks off at institute with top coal company executives present during the inaugural function emphasizing on the significance of coal sector.

Shri Jitendra Mallik, Director Technical of Northern Coalfields Limited, who was in IIT (ISM) Dhanbad today to participate in the inaugural function of Khanan-2024, the Annual Techno-Mining Fest of IIT (ISM) organized by the Department of Mining Engineering in association with the SME IIT (ISM) Student Chapter, said, An innovation with no applicability dies out with time, thus we have come up with the solution that can be implemented in the fields, and if they can bring improvement in our systems, then it will be sustainable.

“Researchers in the field and research in books hold not much significance,” further reiterated Shri Mallik, who is an alumnus of IIT (ISM) and invited the students to come to the mines of NCL to explore the problems being faced in the ground and find out such solutions for them that are sustainable.

Shri Niladri Roy, Director Technical of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), who was present during the function as a guest of honor, emphasized the significance of the mining sector with particular reference to coal mining in the near future and said, “Though the percentage of thermal power in overall energy production is going to reduce in the future, the quantum of thermal power production is further going to increase in view of further increase of the requirement of power and lack of commensurate development of renewable sources of energy, so the coal mining is going to continue for a pretty long period of times in view of the increased coal requirement for thermal power plants.

“The only thing is how to maintain sustainability with respect to coal mining, and we must meet the environmental targets.” said Prof. Das and emphasized the need for observance of the Golden Rules of safe and sustainable mining.

Shri Satish Jha, Director Technical, CMPDIL, during his address, exhorted the students to rely on hard work for success and said, “When you aspire to go to the top in any organization, hard work is the only way out.”

Shri Animesh Jain, Regional Director NTPC, Regional Executive Director (Coal), during his address also emphasized the significance of the mining industry in view of the huge requirement of power.

“There is no short cut, and persistence and resilience are two key mantras that lead to success” further said Jha.

Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director, during his address threw light on the history of Khanan, which was first held in 2016 and soon reached grand scale and became the biggest annual techno mining festival in Asia.

He informed the gathering comprising the students and faculty members that during the recent visit of the IIT (ISM) team to St. Petersburg University, they had signed an agreement with IIT (ISM) for R&D work, exchange of students, etc., and in December a delegation of St. Petesburn University will visit IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

Prof. DP Mishra, Head of Department of Mining Engineering, during the welcome address threw light on Khanan-2024.

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