



# भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (भारतीय खनि विद्यापीठ), धनबाद Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**FotoMela, the annual exhibition of IIT (ISM) Photographic society kicks off today.**

It was an evening of mellifluous ambience, picturesque display of creativity and lively performance at Open Air Theatre (OAT) of IIT (ISM) as altogether 273 photographs of renowned photographers from across the country based on wide range of themes, including nature, landscape, monochrome, sunset, shadow, portrait, urban life and art & creativity were displayed during, FotoMela the annual exhibition of Photographic Society of IIT (ISM), FotoFreaks.

Mayank Tiwari, an engineer turned renowned photographer who was also present during the occasion as Special Guest, lauded the exhibition organized by FotoFreaks and said that the photographs displayed during the exhibition speak volumes about the hard work put in by the organizers of the event.

The event inaugurated by Prof JK Pattanayak, Director IIT (ISM) as chief guest in presence for Prof Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director and others has special significance this year as the club has completed 10 years of its foundation and theme for the function has been aptly chosen as, Tales of Yesteryears.

Harshit Solanki, a B Tech Mechanical Engineering Final year student, who is also the coordinator FotoFreaks said, "The focus of this's year exhibition was on nostalgia and thus many of photographs were also based on cartoons that we used to witness during the our childhood days"

"The photograph received this year included those of some of our prominent alumni, including club founders, Tushar Khandelwal and Vivek Krishna Agarwal of 2014 pass out batch" said Stavan Brahmhatt, a B Tech Pre Final Year (Engineering Physics) student of the institute who is also the coordinator of FotoFreaks and added that this year it was 6<sup>th</sup> edition of FotoMela as they earlier started organizing the exhibition from 2016 and there was also a gap during the time of Covid.

One of our founder, Ashish Khandelwal is a digital artist, retoucher and a fine art photographer based at Bengaluru.

Shivam, a pre final year student who is also the co-coordinator of FotoFreaks said, "The 273 photographs displayed during the two day exhibition which was inaugurated on March 14 evening will continue till March 15".

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