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Prakash'26: Kartavya celebrates 14th Annual Day at IIT (ISM), over 800 school students participate

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad today hosted Prakash' 26, the 14th Annual Day celebration of Kartavya, at the Penman Auditorium, bringing together learning, creativity and community spirit on a common platform. The annual festival witnessed participation of over 800 students from Kartavya centres and major schools across Dhanbad.

The event featured a wide range of student-centric activities such as science exhibition, poster presentation, singing, drama and dance competitions, offering young learners an opportunity to showcase talent while encouraging holistic development.

The function was graced by Dhanbad Municipal Commissioner Shri Ashish Gangwar (Chief Guest), SAIL General Manager Shri Rajeev Tiwari, IIT (ISM) Director Prof. Sukumar Mishra, and Deputy Director Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, along with faculty members, officials and Kartavya volunteers.

Presiding over the programme, Director Prof. Sukumar Mishra lauded Kartavya for creating a distinct identity in society and linked the theme "Prakash" (light) with awareness, responsibility and transformation. He congratulated the organisers for disciplined teamwork and a larger social purpose beyond routine celebrations. Prof. Mishra also noted that Chief Guest Shri Ashish Gangwar is a former IIT Delhi student who later cracked the IAS, inspiring students to pursue excellence with humility. He further reflected on lessons from epics like the Ramayana, urging students to stay grounded as responsible human beings.

Chief Guest Shri Ashish Gangwar thanked IIT (ISM) authorities for the invitation and appreciated Kartavya for its impact. He encouraged students to stay consistent in learning and innovation, noting that such platforms build confidence and skills needed in the modern world. He also stressed overall development, positive work culture and wider community outreach.

Addressing the gathering, SAIL CGM (CCSO) Shri Rajeev Tiwari called it a privilege to be part of Prakash' 26 and recalled his association with IIT (ISM) since 1995. He described Kartavya as a dream initiative and appreciated the team for bringing happiness through social work. Highlighting SAIL' s CSR initiatives, he spoke about continued efforts in skill development and women empowerment, and emphasised strong coordination with the government for greater impact.

Welcoming the dignitaries, Deputy Director Prof. Dheeraj Kumar expressed pride in being an alumnus and part of the institute' s leadership. He thanked the guests for joining as guests of honour and encouraged continued support for student-led initiatives like Prakash which promote social responsibility and institutional pride.

As per the programme schedule, the event began with the Introduction of Kartavya, followed by welcome of guests and Deep Prajwalan. The inaugural session also included felicitation of the Chief Guest by the Director and felicitation of SAIL by the Deputy Director, followed by the screening of a SAIL Documentary, a welcome dance, Kartavya Documentary, and inauguration of the exhibition.

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