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President of India Graces 45th Convocation of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad during Its Centenary Year Dhanbad, August 1, 2025

The Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, graced the 45th Convocation Ceremony of the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad, today, marking a historic occasion during the centenary year of the institute. The convocation witnessed the conferring of degrees upon graduating students from undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs, in the esteemed presence of distinguished guests, faculty members, students, and their families.

Addressing the gathering, the Hon'ble President expressed her delight in being a part of the celebrations of an institute that has contributed immensely to the scientific and technological advancement of the country. She remarked that IIT (ISM) Dhanbad holds a glorious legacy of nearly a hundred years. Originally established to produce trained professionals in the fields of mining and geology, the institute has since evolved into a premier centre of excellence offering multidisciplinary education and advanced research in various branches of engineering, science, and management.

The Hon'ble President noted with satisfaction that IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has successfully created an ecosystem where educational objectives and innovation are integrated with societal needs and the aspirations of citizens. She acknowledged the vital role played by the institute in technological development and innovation, and appreciated its contribution toward nation-building.

Stressing the significance of higher technical education in shaping the country's future, the Hon'ble President said that the responsibility of institutions like IIT (ISM) is not limited to producing excellent engineers and researchers, but also includes nurturing compassionate, socially aware, and purpose-driven professionals. She emphasized that the future of India is being sculpted by such institutions which foster cutting-edge research and guide the intellectual and ethical growth of young minds.

Speaking about the rapidly changing global landscape, the Hon'ble President highlighted the range of challenges the world is facing today, including climate change, resource depletion, digital disruption, and social inequalities. In such a scenario, she urged institutions like IIT (ISM) to take a proactive role in formulating sustainable and innovative solutions. She encouraged the institute to be a torchbearer in this endeavour and to continue aligning research with sustainability and inclusivity.

The Hon'ble President underlined that India's greatest strength lies in its vast pool of human resources. The growing access to technical education and digital skills is empowering the nation and pushing it closer to becoming a technological superpower. She remarked that a practical, innovation-driven, and industry-aligned education system is essential to unlock the full potential of India's youth and to enable them to excel on the global stage.

In her message to students, the Hon'ble President stressed the importance of interdisciplinary learning, holistic thinking, and creativity to solve complex global challenges. She also emphasized the need to foster a patent culture along with research and development, and to promote entrepreneurship and start-up ecosystems to help India compete at a global level.

She advised graduating students not to limit their education to personal success alone, but to use their knowledge for public good. She called upon them to build a stronger and more equitable India, one where development takes place in harmony with nature. She urged them to ensure that their future endeavours reflect empathy, excellence, ethics, and a commitment to sustainable progress. “Innovation driven by compassion is what truly makes the world better,” she concluded.

The Hon’ble Governor of Jharkhand, Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, also addressed the convocation and congratulated the graduating students. He acknowledged the institute’s contribution to research, innovation, and national progress. He emphasized that IIT (ISM) bears a special responsibility in harmonizing the critical areas of energy, environment, and mineral resource management through advanced research and technological interventions. He also stressed the importance of making education more inclusive and accessible to all sections of society.

Hon’ble Union Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, while delivering his address, described the convocation as a significant milestone in the lifelong journey of learning. He said that graduates are now at a turning point where they may choose to pursue employment, launch start-ups, or become entrepreneurs. Encouraging students to become job creators rather than job seekers, the Hon’ble Minister applauded IIT (ISM)’s societal contributions.

He particularly lauded the Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Tribal Welfare, supported by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, which is engaged in imparting digital literacy and capacity-building training to students of Eklavya Model Residential Schools across the country. He termed this initiative a model of how premier institutions can contribute directly to inclusive national development.

Hon’ble Minister of the Department of Urban Development & Housing; Department of Higher and Technical Education; Department of Tourism, Art, Culture, Sports, and Youth Affairs, Government of Jharkhand, Shri Sudivya Kumar, also addressed the gathering. He extended his congratulations to all degree recipients and acknowledged the institute’s century-long legacy in pioneering education, mineral exploration, and technological advancement in India. He expressed confidence that IIT (ISM) will continue to play a pivotal role in shaping the nation’s progress.

Earlier in the ceremony, Prof. Prem Vrat, Chairperson of the Board of Governors, IIT (ISM), formally welcomed the Hon’ble President of India and felicitated her at the outset of the convocation. Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director of the institute, presented the annual report, highlighting the major achievements, research initiatives, academic performance, and societal impact of the institute over the past academic year.

The 45th Convocation of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad thus became a momentous occasion, celebrating the achievements of its students and faculty, and reaffirming the institute’s commitment to excellence, innovation, and nation-building during its centenary year.

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