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Prof. RM Bhattacharjee Honored by Union Minister at Chintan Shivir 2.0 for his Insightful Talk on Sustainable Mining and Mine Closure

Prof. RM Bhattacharjee, Dean, International Relations and Alumni Affairs at IIT (ISM), has been felicitated by Shri G Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Union Minister of Coal & Mines, and Shri Vikram Dev Dutt, Secretary of Coal, at the Chintan Shivir 2.0 held at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi. Prof. Bhattacharjee was recognized for his insightful speech on *Sustainable Mining* and *Systematic Mine Closure* for depleting mining resources.

The Chintan Shivir 2.0, hosted by the Ministry of Coal, provided an excellent platform to foster innovation, sustainability, and collaboration aimed at shaping the future of the coal sector. The event, held on January 7th, was chaired by Shri G Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Coal and Mines, and co-chaired by Shri Satish Chandra Dubey, Union Minister of State for Coal and Mines. Key dignitaries, including Shri Vikram Dev Dutt, Secretary (Coal), Additional Secretaries Ms. Rupinder Brar and Ms. Vismita Tej, CMDs, Directors of coal PSUs, and senior officials of the Ministry, also participated actively in the discussions.

Prof. Bhattacharjee, with over 32 years of vast experience in the Coal Industry and Academia, specializes in Underground Coal Mining Technology, Risk Assessment, Safety Management, Emergency Response, Disaster Management, Accidental Investigation, and Mine Fire & Explosion. His work has significantly contributed to advancing safety protocols and sustainability in the mining sector.

The Ministry of Coal acknowledged Prof. Bhattacharjee's expertise and valuable input, which contributed to the discussions on the future of the coal industry and the critical need for sustainable mining practices. His call for a more structured and systematic approach to mine closure resonated with the participants, underlining the importance of preserving resources and ensuring environmental responsibility.

The Chintan Shivir 2.0 aims to chart a roadmap for the coal sector, integrating modern technologies and sustainable practices while addressing the challenges of resource depletion and environmental impact.

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