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SRIJAN 2026 Inaugurated at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad with Inspiring Session by Acharya Prashant

The annual cultural and creative festival SRIJAN 2026 commenced on an inspiring note at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad with a grand inaugural session held this evening at the Penman Auditorium. The event forms a significant part of the institute's centenary year celebrations and marks the beginning of four days of vibrant artistic, intellectual, and cultural engagement on campus.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by noted philosopher and author Acharya Prashant as the Chief Guest. The function was presided over by Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director of the institute, in the presence of senior faculty members, students, and distinguished invitees.

The session began at with the formal welcome of dignitaries, followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting symbolizing the spirit of knowledge and creativity. Prof. S.K. Gupta, Dean (Students' Welfare), addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of cultural platforms in shaping well-rounded individuals. He was followed by Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director, who emphasized student participation and the role of such festivals in strengthening campus community life.

In his presidential address, Prof. Sukumar Mishra underlined the significance of SRIJAN as a space where technical excellence meets artistic expression, reflecting the holistic educational ethos of the institute. He noted that the centenary year adds special meaning to this edition of the festival, celebrating the legacy, growth, and future aspirations of IIT (ISM).

A key highlight of the evening was the introduction and felicitation of the Chief Guest, followed by an extended interactive session with Acharya Prashant. His address and interaction with students revolved around themes of self-awareness, ethics, responsible citizenship, and clarity of thought, resonating deeply with the young audience and setting a reflective and purposeful tone for the festival.

The inaugural program concluded with a formal vote of thanks at 8:05 PM, bringing the ceremonial opening to a close while marking the energetic start of SRIJAN 2026.

Scheduled from February 5 to 8, SRIJAN 2026 is transforming the campus into a vibrant hub of creativity and youthful energy. The festival features a rich lineup of events including talks, quizzes, modelling and creative arts, photography, theatre, music, dance, fashion showcases, gaming competitions, and major cultural nights such as EDM and live band performances. Through competitions, performances, and collaborative activities spread across multiple venues and time slots, SRIJAN continues to serve as a platform for expression, innovation, and collective campus spirit.

With an enthusiastic response from students and participants, SRIJAN 2026 promises to be a memorable celebration of talent, participation, and cultural vibrancy at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

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