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Shri Satish Jha, CMD of Eastern Coalfields Limited, Delivers Insightful Talk on Project Management at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad's Centennial Distinguished Lecture Series

Shri Satish Jha, Chairman and Managing Director of Eastern Coalfields Limited, shared his expertise on project management during the Centennial Distinguished Speaker Series organized by the Department of Management Studies & Industrial Engineering (DMS&IE) at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

During his address, Shri Jha emphasized the significance of effective communication skills, comprehensive project planning, quality control, and time management as critical aspects of successful project execution. His lecture, titled “**Industrial Insights in Project Management**”, provided a wealth of knowledge drawn from his extensive career in large-scale underground and opencast mining.

A distinguished mining professional with over three decades of experience, Shri Jha recounted various instances from his career in the coal industry, where strategic project management, coupled with effective communication and time management, played a crucial role in navigating crises. His interactive session commenced with an elaboration on project scope definition and gradually covered key aspects of project execution and management.

The event commenced with a warm welcome extended by Prof. Sandeep Mondal, Head of the Department of Management Studies, who presented a bouquet to Shri Jha. The session was also attended by esteemed faculty members, including Prof. J. K. Pattanayak, Prof. Niladri Das, and Prof. Rashmi Singh.

Shri Jha holds a B.E. degree in Mining from Nagpur University and an M.Tech in Industrial Engineering & Management from IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Mine Planning at IIT BHU. A Certified Project Manager (I2P2M), he also holds a First-Class Mine Manager's Certificate (DGMS) and has undergone specialized rescue training from MRS, Dhanbad.

His international credentials include training in Clean Coal Technology (Japan, 2004), presenting on sustainable mining at Curtin University (Australia, 2019), and speaking at the African Mining Indaba (South Africa, 2024). Shri Jha has played a pivotal role in advancing mining operations, sustainability, and digital transformation across organizations such as CMPDIL, CCL, NCL, and SECL. His leadership has driven significant initiatives, including the implementation of 5G in mining, coal R&D hackathons, major forest clearances, digital mining solutions, and the introduction of Longwall mining at SECL.

Recognized for his outstanding contributions, Shri Jha was honored with the **Best General Manager/HoD award on Coal India Foundation Day (2019)**. His lecture at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad provided valuable insights into the best practices, challenges, and innovations associated with managing large-scale industrial projects.

The Centennial Distinguished Speaker Series at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad aims to bring together industry leaders, academicians, and students for meaningful discussions, fostering knowledge sharing and thought leadership. Shri Jha's session was an enriching experience for faculty, students, researchers, and industry professionals, further strengthening the institute's commitment to excellence in industrial and management education.

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