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Sixth Edition of ‘Nurturing Future Leadership’ Programme Begins at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

The sixth edition of the ‘**Nurturing Future Leadership**’ programme under the **Malviya Mission Teacher Training Programme** commenced at the **Faculty Development Centre (FDC)** of the **Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad** on Sunday. The five-day training programme, scheduled from **October 6 to 10**, aims to strengthen leadership and professional development skills among faculty members from across the country.

A total of **21 participants** from various academic institutions joined the programme, which includes **16 interactive sessions, two field visits**—one to **Maithon Dam** and another to the **Geological Museum**—and **four yoga sessions** focused on overall well-being. So far, **111 faculty members** have been trained under this initiative during its five previous editions.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony as **Chief Guest, Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, said that the programme provides participants a valuable opportunity to learn about diverse aspects of leadership through intensive training and interaction.

“The participants, selected through a rigorous process, will explore key dimensions of leadership and innovation in academia,” Prof. Kumar said, who also delivered a session on ‘*Need for Innovation Ecosystem in Academia*’ on the inaugural day.

Prof. Keka Ojha, Dean (Continuing Education Programme), highlighted the growing reach and significance of the programme.

“This is our sixth programme in the last two years, and we look forward to conducting more such initiatives to address leadership challenges in academia,” she said.

“Education is the foundation of society. As faculty members, our responsibility goes beyond teaching—we are shaping future citizens and leaders who will drive the nation forward,” she added.

Delivering the welcome address, **Prof. Mrinalini Pandey, Coordinator, Nurturing Future Leadership Programme**, encouraged participants to make the most of this transformative journey.

“Leadership requires adaptability, resilience, and a commitment to continuous growth. A true leader is one who creates more leaders,” she remarked.

“Let us build a future where leadership is inclusive, transformative, and extends beyond our institutions to positively impact society at large,” Prof. Pandey said.

The programme reflects IIT (ISM) Dhanbad’s sustained efforts to promote academic leadership and innovation among educators across the country, aligning with the broader vision of the **Malviya Mission Teacher Training Programme**.

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