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Three month-long skill development program on the Assistant Mine Surveyor course for enhancing the employability of youths launched at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

Skill development not only helps in increasing the efficiency of workers but also averts accidents in different sectors, including in the mining sector, which occurs due to unskilled workforce engagement. This was said today by Shri PN Singh, Honorable MP of Dhanbad, while speaking as Chief Guest during the inaugural function of the Skill Development Program on the assistant Mine Surveyor Course organized by the Department of Mining Engineering of IIT (ISM) at the Golden Jubilee Lecture Theatre (GJLT) of the institute today.

Citing one example, he further said that unskilled displaced people from mining projects getting jobs in mining companies in lieu of their land lost could better perform their job, if they possess the required skill in relevant field of their work.

"Skill and expertise are quite crucial in present times as earlier a lot of difficulties, particularly with respect to safety, had to be faced due to engagement of unskilled workforce" said Singh. He also elaborated about the Mission and Vision of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship which, besides helping the unemployed get jobs, also ensures coordination of all skill development efforts across the country.

He also lauded the efforts of IIT (ISM) in providing skill development training to not only the Daily Wage earners of the institute but also to other unemployed young people in order to enhance their skill and improve their employability.

Prof Rajiv Shekhar, Director of IIT (ISM) who was present during the function through online mode, said, IIT (ISM) became the first institute in the country which has launched skill development training under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikash Yojna (PMKVY 4.0)

Notably, PMKVY was launched by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi on April 15 with the aim of making Indian residents self-sufficient.

IIT (ISM) will be providing training to 300 unemployed young people in Mine Surveying, out of which the training for the first batch of 90 began from today.

Prof Shekhar further informed that the computer training for the school students of Class VIII to X of different schools of Dhanbad was also conducted by IIT (ISM) and this apart the skill development training of Daily Wage Earners was also conducted for which the certificates were distributed recently.

"The skill development training in Mine Surveying presently being imparted at the institute has great significance with regard to safety etc" summed up Prof Shekhar.

Prof Dhiraj Kumar, Deputy Director of IIT (ISM), on the other hand, threw light on the background of the training programme and said, "We have received a letter from the Ministry of Skill Development with regard to providing training to around 300 unskilled persons and we decided to impart training in the field of Mine Surveying"

He further said that besides the experts of IIT (ISM), retired surveyors of mining company BCCL and other Mine Surveyors will also act as instructors during the three-month training programme of Mine Surveying, which began today.

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Swati Singh, Deputy General Manager, Govt Schemes-Operations, who was also present during the function as special guest, said that the quality of the training imparted by an institute like IIT (ISM) will be the added advantage of trainees selected for the training.

Prof DP Mishra, Head of the Department of Mining Engineering; Pankaj Mishra, Dean (Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship) besides Prof Sunil Kumar, Coordinator of the Skill Development Programme at IIT (ISM) were also present during the inaugural function.

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