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Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), Dhanbad: A Legacy of around 100 years of Excellence in Education and Research

As IIT (ISM) Dhanbad celebrates its 99th foundation day on December 9, 2024, the momentous occasion cherishes the legacy of excellence of around 100 years embodied by iconic red building at the center of the campus which stands as a testament to the rich history and tradition that has shaped the identity of this esteemed institution ever since its inception in 1926.

The celebration reflects nearly a century of remarkable achievements and profound impact this institution has had on education and research in India and beyond. Established on December 9, 1926, the Indian School of Mines was initially modeled after the prestigious Royal School of Mines in London. From its inception, the institute was born out of a vision to serve the burgeoning mining industry in India by providing skilled manpower.

The commemoration of 99 years of its existence, recognizes the fact that the Indian Institute of Technology, Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad has undergone remarkable evolution.

What began as a humble school dedicated to mining and applied geology has blossomed into a comprehensive institution of higher learning, offering an expansive array of disciplines. Today, the mining engineering cradle situated in the heart of coal town proudly offers programs spanning engineering, applied sciences, management, and humanities, embracing the multifaceted nature of modern education.

The journey of this institution has been guided by a commitment to excellence in education and research. Over the decades, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has not only adapted to the changing demands of society but has also played a pivotal role in driving national development.

Through groundbreaking research and innovation, the faculty and students of the institute have made significant contributions in critical areas such as mineral exploration, carbon capture, and clean coal technology.

These initiatives underscore the dedication of the institute toward addressing some of the most pressing challenges of the contemporary era, including environmental sustainability and energy security.

The institute boasts 17 specialized centers, each dedicated to advancing knowledge and research in their respective fields. From the Centre for Mining Environment to the Centre for Energy Studies, these centers serve as hubs of innovation, fostering collaboration among students, researchers, and industry leaders. They are a beacon of hope for aspiring scientists and engineers, providing them with the tools and resources necessary to push the boundaries of what is possible.

As the institute today reflects its past, the the faculty members, students, alumni and other stakeholders are looking towards the future as world is changing at an unprecedented pace and it is imperative to equip the students with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in an ever-evolving landscape.

The institute is committed to cultivating a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship and encourages its students to think beyond traditional boundaries, to challenge the status quo, and to embrace creativity in their problem-solving approaches.

In this era of globalization, collaboration is key when globalization is key the institute has forged partnerships with renowned universities and research institutions around the world.

These alliances not only enhance the educational experience for it's students but also open doors to international opportunities and exposure. The institute is proud of the diverse community that it built in around over 100 years, where students from various backgrounds come together to share ideas, foster friendships, and create lifelong memories.

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