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The 76th Republic Day celebrated with grandeur and patriotic fervour at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

The 76th Republic Day was celebrated with grandeur and patriotic fervour at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. The event, marked by a host of cultural activities, competitions, and social welfare initiatives, was graced by the esteemed presence of Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director of IIT (ISM), who hoisted the national flag at 9 a.m. in the picturesque Oval Garden. The flag-hoisting ceremony was attended by faculty members, officers, staff, and their families.

The vibrant ceremony commenced with the flag hoisting by Prof. Sukumar Mishra, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Prof. Mishra, addressing the gathering, spoke about the milestones achieved by the institute over the past year, particularly highlighting 2024 as a landmark year. "We celebrated our 99th Foundation Day on December 9 and launched the digital Centenary calendar of events to commemorate this momentous occasion. The celebrations have already begun with several exciting centenary events planned for the year ahead," said Prof. Mishra.

The Director further emphasized the global recognition and collaborative efforts of IIT (ISM), citing the All IITs International Relations Conclave held in December 2024, which focused on enhancing international partnerships and promoting India as a hub for higher education. "We also participated in the prestigious International Forum 'Mineral Resources as the Basis of National Sovereignty' in Saint Petersburg, Russia, organized under the BRICS Chairmanship, strengthening our global presence and engagement," Prof. Mishra added.

Prof. Mishra also acknowledged the institute's remarkable achievements in research and innovation, sharing that IIT (ISM) had received the Best Institute for Fostering IP & Innovation award at ASSOCHAM's 4th IP Excellence Awards. Highlighting one of the institute's major breakthroughs, he mentioned, "A team from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, led by Dr. Zafar Alam, developed an EEG-Signal-Controlled Pneumatic Medical Bed for patients with severe motor disabilities, earning the Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (GYTI) Appreciation."

Environmental sustainability was another key focus, with the Director noting that IIT (ISM)'s Environmental Impact Assessment and Compliance Programme (EIACP) Centre was recognized as the Best Performing EIACP Centre in the East Zone by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.

The day was further enlivened by a series of cultural programs organized by the wards of employees and officers, showcasing a blend of traditional performances. The Student Society, Fast Forward India (FFI), also played a significant role in hosting a mega blood donation camp, demonstrating the institute's commitment to social responsibility and community welfare.

A series of fun and engaging competitions were held, including a Fancy Dress Competition, a Jalebi Race, a quiz competition for children, and a musical chair event for female employees and their spouses, organized by the Scolomin Club. These events added a lively and festive atmosphere to the Republic Day celebrations, ensuring a day full of excitement and unity.

IIT (ISM) Dhanbad's Republic Day celebrations were a testament to the institute's commitment to nurturing a culture of innovation, inclusivity, and global collaboration while upholding the spirit of patriotism and national pride.

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