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Two-Day Innovation, Design, and Entrepreneurship Boot Camp for Jharkhand School Teachers Inaugurated at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

A Two-Day Innovation, Design, and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Boot Camp for schoolteachers of Jharkhand commenced today at the Penman Auditorium, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. The event is organized under the auspices of the AICTE-Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, New Delhi, and is scheduled for November 29th and 30th, 2024.

The boot camp was inaugurated by Shri Ravi Raj Sharma, Dhanbad Municipal Commissioner, who served as the chief guest. He was joined by Shri Ayush Kumar, District Superintendent of Education, Dhanbad, as the guest of honour, and Prof. MK Singh, Dean Academic of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. The event also saw the presence of Shri S.M. Tripathi, Regional Coordinator of the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, Government of India, and Shri Sheikh Wasim from the Wadhvani Foundation, who participated as a knowledge partner.

Over 250 participants, including principals, vice principals, and teachers from various schools across Jharkhand, are attending the camp. The program also includes 10 trainers and faculty members identified by AICTE, along with two AICTE officers. IIT (ISM) Dhanbad has been designated as the Mentor Institute (MI) for this initiative, supporting nearby educational institutions.

The first session of the boot camp focused on a Human-Centered Approach to innovation and problem-solving. Shri S.M. Tripathi provided an overview of the program, followed by an introduction to innovation and design thinking principles. Participants engaged in a session titled "Discovering Your Entrepreneurial Skills," where experts highlighted essential entrepreneurial competencies.

Post-lunch, a lecture on "Entrepreneurial Innovation: A Path to Problem and Opportunity Identification" was conducted, followed by a session on "Mentoring the Next Generation Entrepreneurs" tailored for educators. Participants also had the opportunity to visit the incubation center at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad as part of the "Innovation in Action" program.

Day two of the boot camp, scheduled for November 30th, will feature sessions titled "Ideas to Impact: Crafting a Path to Business Success." Participants can look forward to workshops on customer discovery, an introduction to prototyping, and the basics of financial literacy.

Prof. Vikas Mahto, Professor in Charge of AICTE activities at IIT (ISM), stated, "This program aims to empower educators with innovation, design-thinking, and entrepreneurial skills."

Prof. (Dr.) Pradip Kumar Sadhu, Professor (HAG) in the Department of Electrical Engineering and IEEE Senior Member & Fellow of IE (I), remarked, "IIT (ISM) Dhanbad is proud to serve as the host Nodal Institute for this transformative initiative, which aims to inspire and equip educators in Jharkhand with the tools necessary to foster innovation in their schools."

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