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This issue of "*R&D Newsletter*" is to showcase our excellence in academic and research activities. With our ever expanding academic network and research base, we are able to show our strength as an Institute of National Importance.



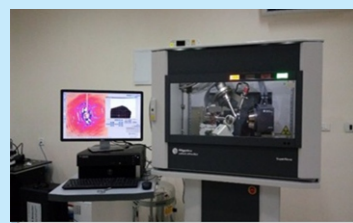
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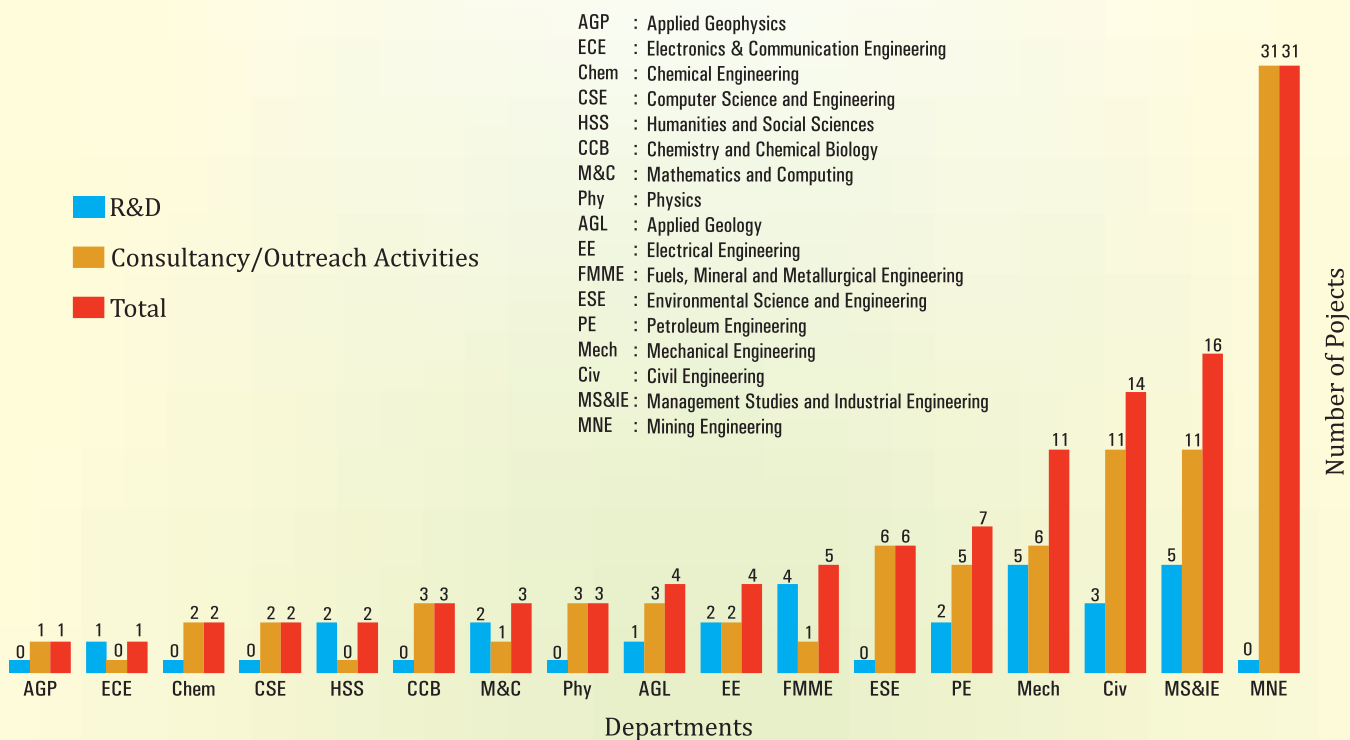
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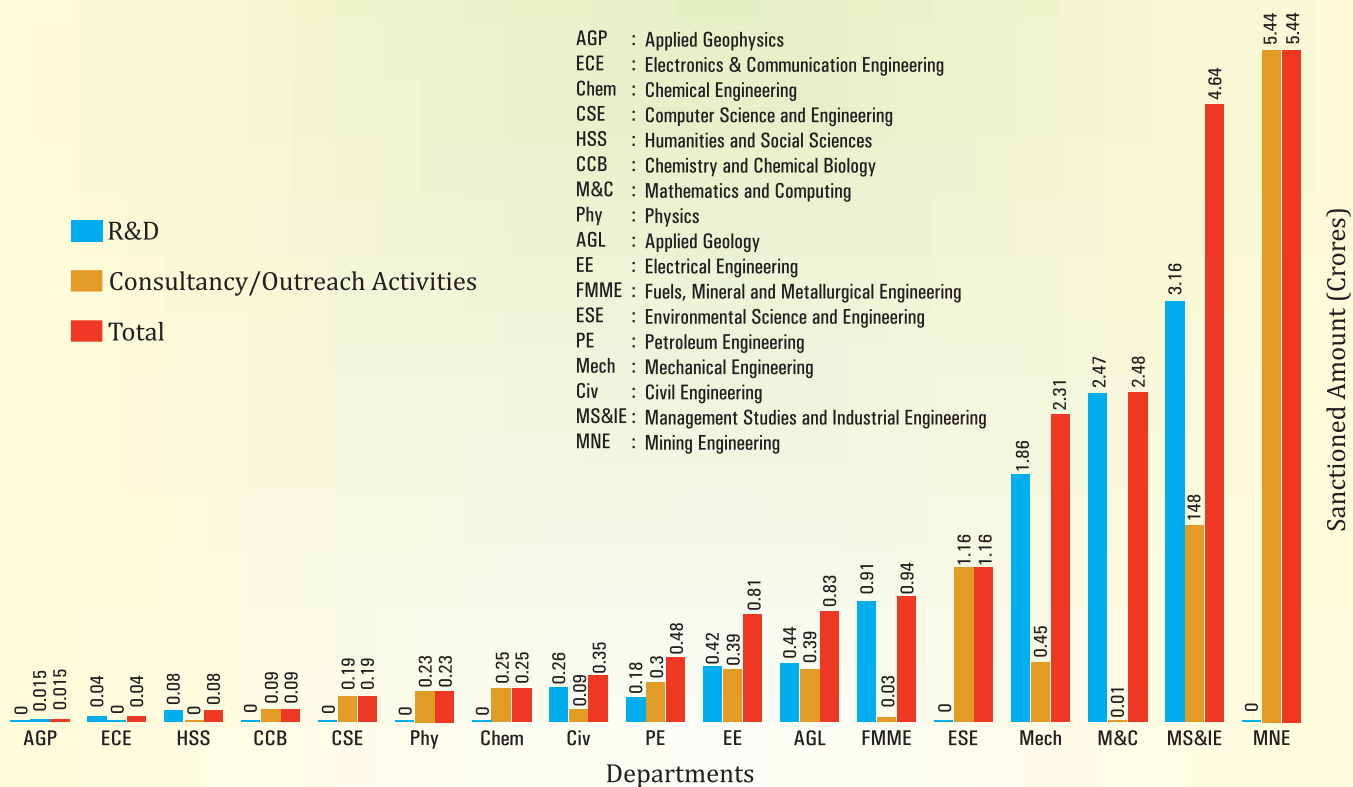


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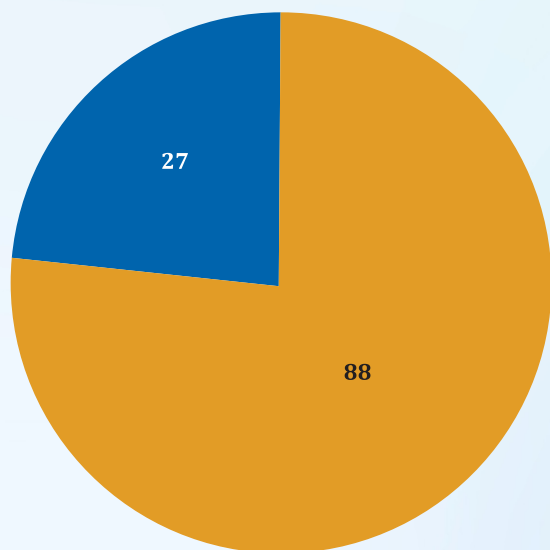
## No. of R&D Projects, Consultancy/Outreach Activities (July-Sept. 2024)



## Sanctioned Amount (in Crore) of R&D Projects, Consultancy/Outreach Activities (July-Sept. 2024)

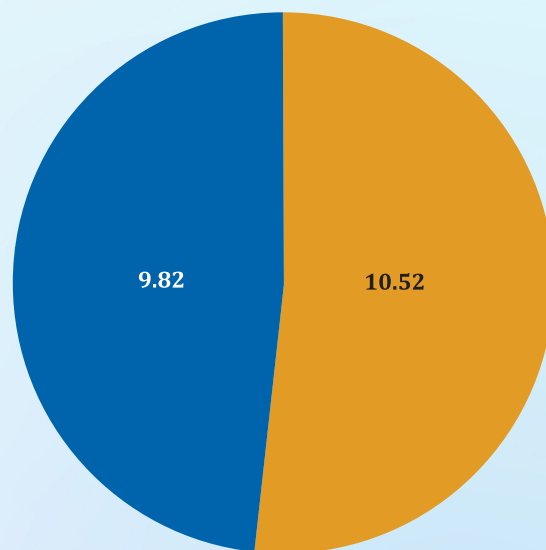






■ R&D Projects  
■ Consultancy/Outreach Activities

R&D Projects (No)	Consultancy/Outreach Activities (No)
27	88



■ R&D Projects  
■ Consultancy /Outreach Activities

Sanctioned amount of R&D Projects (Crores)	Sanctioned amount of Consultancy/Outreach Activities (Crores)
9.82	10.52

## Major R&D Projects/Consultancy / EDP/CoEs

- **Prof. Ajit Kumar**, Department of Mechanical Engineering and his team (Prof. Niranjana Kumar, Department of Mechanical Engineering) have received a R&D Project (**Rs. 53.95 Lakhs**) titled “*Development of Energy Efficient Ergonomically Designed (EEED) Chair Lift Man Riding System*” funded by Coal India Limited (Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited), Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- **Prof. Shikha Singh** and her team (Prof. Mrinalini Pandey), Department of Management Studies & Industrial Engineering have received an Outreach project (**244.5 Lakhs**) titled “*Capacity Building of Faculty and Institutions towards Design & Entrepreneurship Development*” funded by Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, New Delhi.
- **Prof. S. Pasupuleti** and his team (Prof. Vishwas N. Khatri) from Department of Civil Engg. have received a Consultancy Project (**Rs. 1.77 Crore**) titled “*Comprehensive*

*Hydrological Study to Assess the Impact of Nalas and Damodar River on Kalyaneswari Tasra Mining Pvt. Ltd. (KTMPL) Mining Area, Tasra, Sindri*” funded by M/s Kalyaneswari Tasra Mining Pvt. Ltd. (KTMPL), Dhanbad.

- **Prof. B. K. Mishra** and his team (Prof. Anshumali) from Department of Env. Sc. Engg. have received a Consultancy Project (**Rs. 1.12 Crore**) titled “*Scientific Study for investigation of mine-wise water availability and potential for community use in ECL*” funded by M/s ECL, Sitarampur.
- **Prof. B. K. Mishra** received a Consultancy Project (**Rs. 53.10 Lakhs**) titled “*Scientific Study for Environmental Impact Assessment & Risk Analysis for Utilization of Red Mud for NHAI Road Project in Jharkhand*” funded by Hindalco, Muri.
- **Department of Mathematics & Computing** has received a **FIST Grant of Rs. 2.23 Crore**.

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### Individual faculty achievements

- **Prof. Ajay Mandal**, Dept. of Petroleum Engineering conferred IOGCA 2024 Awards in “*Excellence in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering in Oil & Gas Industry and Petrochemical*” in upstream oil and gas sector.
- **Prof. Ravi Kumar Gangwar**, Dept. of Electronics Engineering has received the prestigious “*IEI Young Engineer of the Year award*” from the IEI JH section at Ranchi IEI headquarters.
- **Prof. Anindya Sinha**, Professor of Practice, Dept. of Mining Engineering has been conferred with the MGMI Award for Coal Mining for 2023-24 for his outstanding contribution to the Coal Mining Industry.



- **Prof. Jeevesh Kumar**, Dept. of Electronics Engineering has been awarded with the prestigious “*Tag Corporation Medal*” for best Ph.D. Thesis (2022-2023) in the Department of Electronics Systems Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.
- **Prof. Subramanian Narayanan**, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering was appointed as Associate Editor for the ASME Journal of Engineering and Science in Medical Diagnostics

and Therapy.

- **Prof. Somnath Chattopadhyaya**, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering became a member of the Editorial Board of a Polish Journal "Advances in Science and Technology Research Journal" (SCOPUS Indexed).
- **Prof. Ajay Mandal**, Dept. of Petroleum Engineering has been selected Guest Editor in "Petroleum Exploration and Production Technology" Journal.
- **Prof. Ajay Mandal**, Dept. of Petroleum Engineering received the Energy & Fuels 2024 Excellence in Review Award.
- **Prof. Ajit Kumar**, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering was inducted as an executive member of the National Academic Council of the Fluid Power Society of India (FPSI) for 2024-26.
- **Prof. R. B. Reddy**, Dept. of FMME has received the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up and won Rs. 2 Lakh Cash Prize in Coal gasification Hackathon-2024 (In July 2024) jointly with CSIR – NCL and IIT(ISM) Dhanbad for providing conceptual solution on Technology Advancement for Efficiency Enhancement in Coal Gasification.
- **Prof. A. Samanta**, Department of Chemical Engineering was awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up and won Rs. 2 Lakh Cash Prize under the category "PS4: Emission Reduction in coal gasification" in "Hackathon on Coal Gasification", organized by Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL), Ranchi in association with the Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India.



- **Prof. Kripamoy Sarkar** Dept. of Applied Geology became the Life Member (LM-11234) of the Mining, Geological & Metallurgical Institute of India on 21.09.24.

## Major Research output

- **Prof. Sagar Pal and his team (Dept. of Chemistry and Chemical Biology)**

A new biopolymeric reagent was developed (**TRL Level: 7**) by the research group of Prof. Sagar Pal [through joint collaborative research project between Tata Steel Raw Materials Division and his research group at IIT(ISM) Dhanbad] that has been found efficient as organic binder in iron ore pelletization at plant trial. Also, the patent has recently been granted (Patent No: 548923, Date of Grant: 28.08.2024).

- **Prof. Soumitra Maity and his team (Dept. of Chemistry and Chemical Biology)**

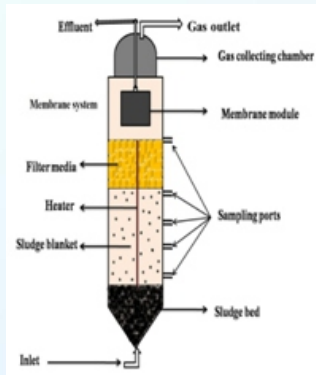
Taming two-headed nucleophiles by light!

Thiocyanate, an integral component in the defense mechanisms of the human body, is a two-headed nucleophile. Controlling this dual nucleophilicity has been a long-standing challenge to chemists. My research group has developed a green catalytic tool, harnessing the power of light and photosensitizers to bend its reactivity to their will, synthesizing small cyclic molecules containing sulfur and nitrogen that can assist in future drug discovery crusades.

- **Prof. Isha Burman and Prof. Alok Sinha (Dept. of Env. Sci. & Engg.)**

Economic evaluation of submerged anaerobic hybrid membrane bioreactor was carried out operating at mesophilic temperature, by Dr Isha Burman and Prof Alok Sinha. A laboratory-scale mesophilic submerged anaerobic hybrid membrane bioreactor (An-HMBR) was operated for 270 day for the treatment of high-strength synthetic wastewater at different hydraulic retention times (HRTs) (3 days, 2 days, 1 day, and 0.5 days). Chemical oxygen demand (COD) removal efficiency of 92% was obtained with methane yield rate of 0.18 LCH<sub>4</sub>/g COD removal at 1-day HRT. The results of lab scale reactor at 1-day HRT were utilized for upscaling and cost analysis. Cost analysis revealed that the total capital cost comprised tank system (48%), membrane cost (32%), screen and PUF sponge (5% each), PLCs (4%), liquid pumps (3%), and others (2%). The operational cost comprised chemical cost (46%), pumping energy (42%), and sludge disposal (12%). The results revealed that the tank and heating costs accounted for the largest fraction of the total life cycle cost for full-scale An-HMBR. The heating cost can be

compensated by gas recovery. Sensitivity analysis revealed that the interest rates, influent flow, and membrane flux were the most crucial parameters which affected the total cost of An-HMBR.



- **Prof. A. K. Prasad and his team (Dept. of Applied Geology)**

A novel multi-model estimation of phosphorus in coal and its ash using FTIR spectroscopy was done by Prof. A. K. Prasad and his team. The level of phosphorus must be carefully monitored for proper and effective utilization of coal and coal ash. The phosphorus content needs to be assessed to optimize combustion efficiency and maintenance costs of power plants, ensure quality, and minimize the environmental impact of coal and coal ash. The detection of low levels of phosphorus in coal and coal ash is a significant challenge due to its complex chemical composition and low concentration levels. Effective monitoring requires accurate and sensitive equipment for the detection of phosphorus in coal and coal ash. X-ray fluorescence (XRF) is a commonly used analytical technique for the determination of phosphorus content in coal and coal ash samples but proves challenging due to their comparatively weak fluorescence intensity. Fourier Transform Infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) emerges as a promising alternative that is simple, rapid, and cost-effective. However, research in this area has been limited. Until now, only a limited number of research studies have outlined the estimation of major elements in coal, predominantly relying on FTIR spectroscopy. In this article, we explore the potential of FTIR spectroscopy combined with machine learning models (piecewise linear regression—PLR, partial least square regression—PLSR, random forest—RF, and support vector regression—SVR) for quantifying the phosphorus content in coal and coal ash. For model development, the

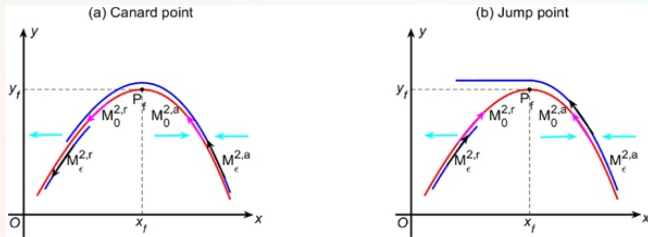
methodology employs the mid-infrared absorption peak intensity levels of phosphorus-specific functional groups and anionic groups of phosphate minerals at various working concentration ranges of coal and coal ash. This paper proposes a multi-model estimation (using PLR, PLSR, and RF) approach based on FTIR spectral data to detect and rapidly estimate low levels of phosphorus in coal and its ash ( $R^2$  of 0.836, RMSE of 0.735 ppm, RMSE (%) of 34.801, MBE of  $-0.077$  ppm, MBE (%) of 5.499, and MAE of 0.528 ppm in coal samples and  $R^2$  of 0.803, RMSE of 0.676 ppm, RMSE (%) of 38.050, MBE of  $-0.118$  ppm, MBE (%) of 4.501, and MAE of 0.474 ppm in coal ash samples). Our findings suggest that FTIR combined with the multi-model approach combining PLR, PLSR, and RF regression models is a reliable tool for rapid and near-real-time measurement of phosphorus in coal and coal ash and can be suitably modified to model phosphorus content in other natural samples such as soil, shale, etc.

- **Prof. R. K. Upadhyay and his team (Dept. of Mathematics & Computing)**

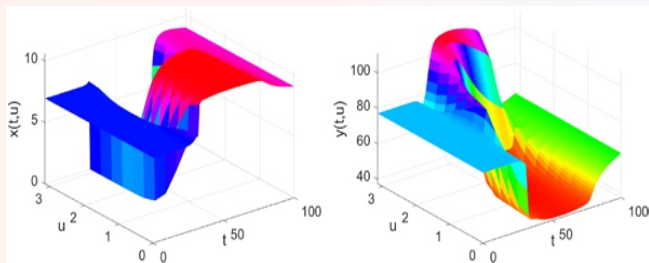
A model has been considered with a Holling type IV functional response that describes a situation in which the predator's per capita rate of predation decreases at sufficiently high prey density. Meanwhile it can be transformed into a Holling type II functional response in the limiting sense where predator's attack rate increases at a decreasing rate with prey density until it becomes satiated. To explore the different dynamics of these two functional responses, we consider the slow-fast dynamic behavior of predator-prey system with Holling type IV and II functional responses, respectively, and make some simple comparisons of the dynamics of the system with these two functional responses. Specifically speaking, in the non-spatial case, firstly, the system with Holling type II functional response does not undergo a higher-codimension Hopf bifurcation. Then, the system with Holling type IV is extensively proved the existence of canard cycles and relaxation oscillations by using a range of analytical methods such as geometric singular perturbation technique, normal form of the slow-fast system, and the way in-way out function. In the spatial case, the temporal systems are extended to reaction-diffusion predator-prey systems. For the reaction-diffusion system with Holling IV, the



different types of traveling wave are observed. Moreover, for the reaction–diffusion predator–prey system with Holling II, it is demonstrated that Turing instability occurs, which induces spatial heterogeneity patterns. Finally, the comparisons of the above dynamics of Holling Type IV and II functional responses in the non-spatial and spatial cases, respectively, are presented. From these comparisons, different Holling functional responses may be adopted for species at different stages or states, which is more conducive to maintaining species diversity and coexistence.



The critical manifold  $M_e^{2,0}$  (red curve) can be split into two parts  $M_e^{2,a}$  (attracting) and  $M_e^{2,r}$  (repelling) at point  $P_0$  (black dot). Black and magenta arrows represent slow flow, and cyan arrows represent fast flow. (a) The slow submanifolds  $M_e^{2,0}$  and  $M_e^{2,r}$  (blue curves) near the canard point. (b) The slow submanifolds  $M_e^{2,0}$  and  $M_e^{2,r}$  (blue curves) near the jump point.



Turing instability of the model system.

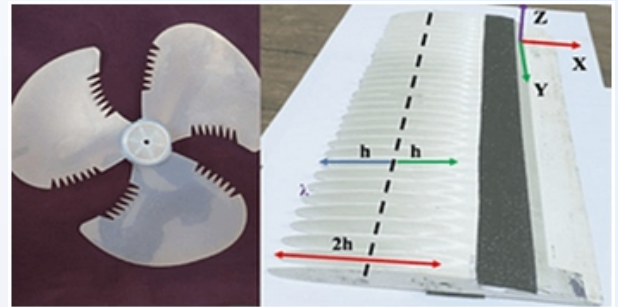
- **Prof. Antarip Poddar and his team (Dept. of Mechanical Engineering)**

A study led by Prof. Antarip Poddar finds that higher hematocrit (Hct) levels shorten recirculation zones behind stenoses, stabilize vortices, and increase wall shear stress (WSS), raising the risk of plaque rupture in diabetes but reducing oscillatory shear index (OSI) and plaque formation potential. In contrast, lower hematocrit (Hct) level promotes vortex instability, increases OSI, and expands regions prone to plaque formation. Eccentric stenosis further amplifies flow disturbances, with diabetes suppressing jet instability while anemia increases vortex shedding. Higher Hct levels reduce flow fluctuations over the cardiac cycle, shorten jet length, and promote flow symmetry, indicating that blood viscosity plays

a critical role in altering flow dynamics and disease progression.

- **Prof. Subramanian Narayanan and his team (Dept. of Mechanical Engineering)**

Researchers from IIT (ISM), led by Prof. Subramanian Narayanan, have designed an advanced airfoil inspired by barn owl wings to reduce aircraft noise significantly. The DST supports the team's innovative design incorporating wavy serrations at the leading and trailing edges, unlike traditional serrated airfoils. This unique structure has demonstrated notable noise reduction across various frequencies, with potential applications in aircraft wings, wind turbines, and fan blades. The leading edge serrations reduce turbulence interaction noise, while the trailing edge serrations target self-noise emissions. Early tests indicate up to a 4-decibel noise reduction, offering a breakthrough in aerodynamic noise control. The team has effectively minimized broadband noise through extensive theoretical and experimental work, promising substantial advancements in quiet aerodynamic design.

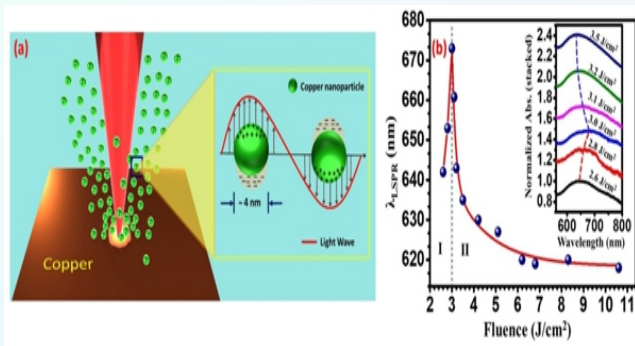


- **Prof. A. Adak and his team (Dept. of Physics)**

*Nonclassical plasmonic response of laser-plasma-engineered ultrasmall nearly-monodispersed clean copper nanoparticles*

Prof. Adak and his team conducted a systematic study on nonclassical behaviour of the localized surface plasmon resonance (LSPR) response on the size of ultrasmall copper nanoparticles nanoengineered by pulsed laser ablation (PLA) in deionized water. We obtained, for the first time, laser-engineered record-small (4 nm) nearly monodispersed Cu nanoparticles by PLA method. (see: J. Patra, P. Das, S. Nanda, M. Dandapat, U. Tripathy, A. Adak *Optics & Laser Technology*, 180, 111444, 2025. [published online on 24 July 2024]). These nanoparticles have shown the ability to exhibit antimicrobial properties. Our present work offers a method for controlled clean nanofabrication of

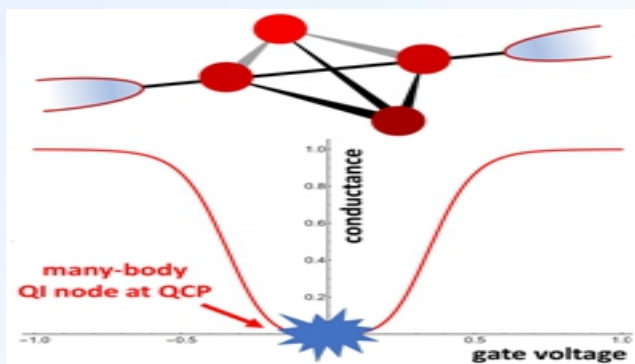
ultrasmall near monodispersed copper nanoparticles with a clear understanding of their plasmonic response.



• **Prof. Sudeshna Sen and her team (Dept. of Physics)**

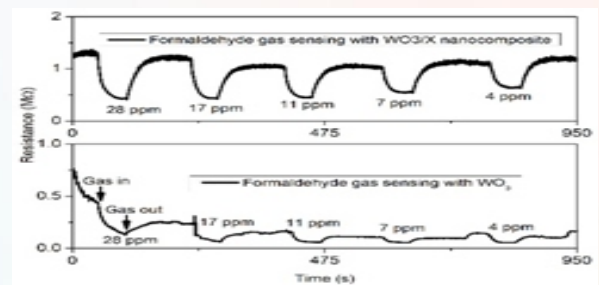
*Inverse Design of Molecular Junctions*

From the Quantum Materials group at IIT(ISM) Dhanbad led by Prof. Sudeshna Sen. In a recent work titled "Many-body quantum interference route to the two-channel Kondo effect: Inverse design for molecular junctions and quantum dot devices," the authors have explored the elusive two-channel Kondo physics in molecular junctions. The authors have developed an inverse design strategy for generalized quantum impurity models describing molecular junctions. They have used them to demonstrate that many-body quantum interference can be leveraged to realize the two-channel Kondo critical point in simple 4- or 5-site molecular moieties. We show that remarkably high Kondo temperatures can be achieved, meaning that entropy and transport signatures should be experimentally accessible. This work was done in collaboration with Prof. Andrew Mitchell from University College Dublin, Ireland. This work has been published in the journal Physical Review Letters (Phys. Rev. Lett., 133, 076501, 2024). The research has been supported by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), India.



• **Prof. Jhasaketan Nayak and his team (Dept. of Physics)**

Prof. Nayak and his team have developed some novel materials for enhancement of room temperature sensitivity and stability of metal oxide semiconductor based volatile organic gas sensors. Tungsten oxide ( $\text{WO}_3$ ) nanoparticles can efficiently detect trace amount of toxic volatile organic compound gases such as formaldehyde, trimethylamine, ammonia and carbon monoxide present in lower atmospheres in laboratory and industry. Some of the major drawbacks of  $\text{WO}_3$  and other metal oxide semiconductor-based gas sensors are: (i) instability characterized by large baseline drift and (ii) poor response at room temperature, especially in humid atmosphere. During humid rainy days,  $\text{WO}_3$  gas sensors malfunction showing erroneous data. We have developed some oxide semiconductor nanocomposites that are resilient in highly humid atmosphere (RH=92%) can efficiently sense formaldehyde gas at room temperature. The above nanocomposite-based gas sensors have higher response compared to  $\text{WO}_3$  sensors, they are exceptionally stable as indicated by negligible baseline resistance drift during room temperature operation in a highly humid condition. A maximum room temperature sensitivity of  $0.24 \text{ ppm}^{-4}$  towards formaldehyde gas has been recorded for the above metal oxide semiconductor nanocomposite-based gas sensor.



Dynamic responses of formaldehyde gas sensors fabricated with  $\text{WO}_3$  nanoparticles and  $\text{WO}_3/\text{X}$  nanocomposites.

**Major instrumental facilities created**

**Department of Computer Science and Engineering**

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering has recently established a state-of-the-art facility on **Internet of Things (IoT)** aimed at fostering research and innovation in



emerging technologies. The lab is equipped with cutting-edge equipment, including NVIDIA GPU workstations for deep learning, IoT development kits, and edge computing devices. The lab is actively engaged in several externally funded projects, focusing on areas such as smart cities, AI-based predictive maintenance for mining assets, IoT-based environmental monitoring solutions, and AI-enabled autonomous drones. Students are involved in mini-projects, including smart agriculture, home automation, and AI-powered surveillance systems.



**Department of Petroleum Engineering**



High Pressure Visual cell with interfacial tension, contact angle and drop volume measurement system



Silent compressor



Rotational Viscometer



Automatic surface tensiometer



Ultrasonic pulse velocity tester



High pressure stirrer reactor

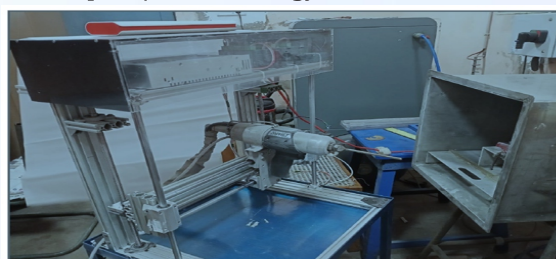


Workstation

### **Department of Fuel, Mineral and Metallurgical Engineering**

The present depositions are carried on DYMET 420 cold spray setup. To study the effect of scan/deposition path strategy, a XY manipulator setup was built in house. Onto this manipulator the deposition gun was mounted, so that it can follow the programmed path during the experimentation at desired traverse

speed. The manipulator has two degrees of freedom with a working range 300 mm × 250 mm. The setup is capable of producing basic primitives shapes to complex curvatures with 0.1 mm resolution, following different scan patterns such as zigzag, raster, island and other strategies. Lead Screws are utilized for motion control in X and Y axes, further which are coupled with. Stepper motors for precise movement. The stepper motors were interfaced to Arduino using stepper drivers, in order to make to Computer Numeric Control unit. Finally GRBL freeware in combination with Universal G-Code Sender (UGS) platform are utilized to execute the G-Code commands and replicate the travel path/scan strategy.



DYMET 420 Cold Spray set up

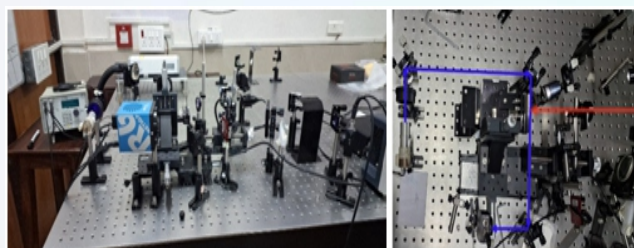
### **Department of Mechanical Engineering**

An experimental facility with a low-speed open-circuit wind tunnel for the UG teaching lab was installed in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

### **Department of Physics**

#### *Optical Probe Beam Deflection Setup for Fast Plasma Dynamics*

The beam deflection is a method for detecting shock waves by measuring the deflection of probe beam caused by shock wave passage. In our present work, we have developed an advanced Optical Probe Beam Deflection Setup at LLPI, Department of Physics. In our preliminary work, we see complete absorption of probe and an evolution of shock wave as the probe moves away from interaction spot. This setup will enable us to characterize the intense nanosecond pulsed laser driven fast plasma dynamics and spatio-temporal structure of the shockwave front.



Laboratory for Laser Plasma Interaction (LLPI) Instrumental facility



# Women Faculty Achievers

- **Prof. Madhulika Gupta**, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology was appointed as the Nodal officer of the Vigyan Jyoti program of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. Under this initiative, she organized a special one-day program on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024 for over 70 students from PM SHRI School Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Koderma, Jharkhand to encourage young girls to pursue careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Another event was organized for 61 girl students from JNV Dhanbad. The program seeks to break gender stereotypes, address the gender imbalance in these fields, and empower young girls with knowledge, skills, and opportunities. She was invited for interaction at JNV Koderma to inspire boys' and girls' students in STEM education on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024. During her visit, she delivered a and shared insights into how programs like Vigyan Jyoti can help to bridge the gender gap by providing the necessary support and resources for young women to excel in these domains.



- **Prof. Sheeja Jagadevan**, Dept. of Env. Sc. & Engg. delivered a **Lecture at the Skilled Training on Quality Monitoring of Water and Wastewater: Laboratory Analysis, Data Interpretation, and Quality Assurance** held from **July 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, at the CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR), Barwa Road Campus, Dhanbad. The talk entitled "Technologies for treatment of arsenic and fluoride contaminated groundwater" was delivered to participants from Binod Bihari Mahto Koyalanchal University, Dhanbad **on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 from 2.30 PM to 3.30 PM**. The participants got to learn about advanced methodologies and best practices for dealing with arsenic and fluoride contaminated groundwater.



- **Prof. U. Bansal**, invited speaker at the conference, titled *"Women in Geosciences: Opportunities, Challenges and Accomplishments"* that took place from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at NCESS, Thiruvananthapuram.



<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/national-seminar-on-womens-participation-in-geosciences-begins-at-ncess/article68598061.ece>



- **Prof. Keka Ojha** presented paper on *"Development of Silica Nanoparticle-Enhanced PHPA Hydrogels for Water Shut-Off in High-Temperature and High-Salinity Reservoirs"* in IOGCA New Delhi during September 26-27, 2024 and awarded best technical paper in IOGCA New Delhi during September 26-27, 2024. Prof. Ojha is actively involved in research in the field of CBM, Shale water shut-off & hydraulic fracturing and delivered R&D and consultancy projects to different E&P companies in India.
- **Prof. Aarti Kumari** attended the *first international conference on Circular Hydrometallurgy – ICHS 2024*, held at Mechelen (Belgium) during 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. Topic of presentation: Hydrometallurgy for sustainable recovery of rare earths from waste NdFeB magnets.
- **Prof. Sudeshna Sen**: Scientists have long known that electrons are indivisible fundamental particles. Yet surprising new research shows that a weird feature of quantum mechanics can be used to produce objects that behave like half of an electron. The work by Prof. Sudeshna Sen, in collaboration with Prof. Andrew Mitchell from University College Dublin, Ireland, on inverse design of molecular junctions was highlighted as the Editors' Suggestion in the prestigious journal, *Physical Review Letters*. The impact of the work was also highlighted in the *phys.org* magazine.



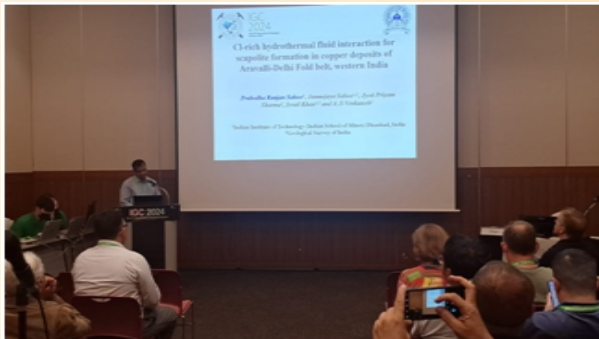
# International Visits

**Prof. Biswajit Chowdhury**, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology visited UIT the Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø during 10<sup>th</sup> June-10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 as a visiting researcher where Prof. Krishna Agarwal was the host faculty. During his stay, he discussed about collaborative research between IIT(ISM) and UIT, master/doctoral student exchange through **Indo-Norwegian Cooperation Programme 2024** and a proposal has been submitted.



**Hege Kristin Widnes** (left), International Cooperation Section, University of Tromsø - The Arctic University of Norway with Prof. Biswajit Chowdhury (Right)

**Prof. P. R. Sahoo**, Department of Applied Geology, participated in 37<sup>th</sup> International Geological Congress at Busan, South Korea. He presented research work and chaired a session during the event.



**Prof. Aarti Kumari**, Department of Fuel, Mineral and Metallurgical Engineering, attended the “First International Conference on Circular Hydrometallurgy – ICCHS 2024”, held at Mechelen, Belgium during 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> September.



**Prof. D. P. Mishra and Prof. S. Agrawal**, Department of Mining Engineering attended the 12<sup>th</sup> International Mine Ventilation Congress (IMVC2024) at Sydney, Australia during 12-16 August 2024.



**Prof. D. P. Mishra** submitted and presented the bid document before the IMVC Committee for hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> IMVC in India.



# MoUs Signed

- **MoU between IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and ATIIT, Bhubaneswar**

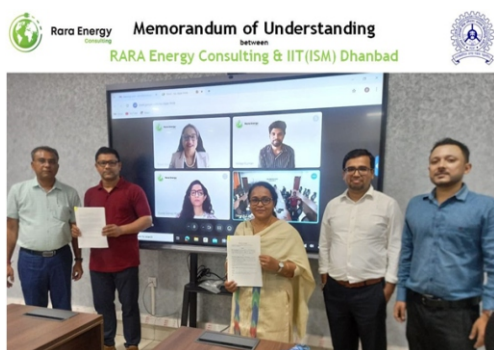


ATIIT which stands for 'Advanced Trainings in Information and Intelligent Tech's Private Limited', based in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad, Jharkhand on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024, to promote online advanced certification courses.

The MoU was signed by Prof. Sagar Pal, Dean (Research & Development), IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and Mr. Manjil Choudhury, Director, ATIIT Private Limited, Bhubaneswar, Odisha in the presence Mr. Prabhupad Gharai, Dr. Swarandeeep Sahoo, Dr. Rajeev Upadhyay, Dr. Saurabh Datta Gupta and Prof. Sanjit Pal, HOD/AGP along with other eminent dignitaries.

The scope is vast, and some of the subjects range from Space Science, Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD), Mineral explorations and Energy Resources to start with. Other subjects that can be introduced soon are Aeronautics Engineering, Autonomous Vehicles, Material Science, Climate Science, Blue Economy, Renewable Energy etc. These will be certification courses and will benefit the learners as they will be exposed to high end, industry specific, future oriented curriculum and enhance their skills in specific time frame. The faculty members of IIT(ISM) Dhanbad will get a chance to play a key role in knowledge and technological up-gradation, innovation and competitiveness of the students and learners and also contribute to the overall branding and revenue enhancement. Learners will not only gain specialized knowledge but also have a tangible credential to showcase their expertise.

- **MoU between IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and RARA Energy Consulting**



An MoU was signed between Indian IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and Rara Energy Consulting to explore future opportunities in carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) and hydrogen storage, with a focus on subsurface, reservoir engineering, and geomechanics. We look forward to a successful academia-industry partnership on emerging

research avenues that contribute to the energy transition through sustainable practices.

The MoU was signed online and following members were present:

Ms. Swati Gupta, Ms. Zainab Rizvi, Mr. Vinod Kumar Madem from RARA Energy and Prof. Sagar Pal (Dean of R&D@IITISM), Prof. Keka Ojha (Head of the Department of Petroleum Engineering), Prof. Sayantan Ghosh, and Prof. Partha Pratim Mandal. From IIT(ISM) Dhanbad.

- **MoU between IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and L&T Institute of Project Management, Vadodara**



MoU signed between IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and L&T Institute of Project Management, Vadodara, Gujarat to undertake the activities in the field of engineering, projects and construction management, Organising joint research activity and event. Prof. Shikha Singh, Department of Management Studies and Industrial Engineering is the Faculty Coordinator from IIT(ISM) Dhanbad of this MoU.

- **MoU between IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and Shahid Nirmal Mahato Medical College, Dhanbad**

An MoU was signed between IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and Shahid Nirmal Mahato Medical College, Dhanbad (SNMMC) for undertaking activities and programmes like publishing papers, organising conference/conclave, Faculty Development and Co-Teaching. Prof. Shikha Singh, Department of Management Studies and Industrial Engineering is the Faculty Coordinator from IIT(ISM) Dhanbad of this MoU.

- **MoU between IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and NIPER, Mohali**

An MoU was signed between IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Mohali, Punjab for participation in the research and development projects pertaining to the structure-based design of small molecule for inhibiting the aggregation of amyloid beta for the treatment of Alzheimer's and non-alcoholic fatty acid disease. Prof. Swapan Dey, Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology is the Faculty Coordinator from IIT(ISM) Dhanbad of this MoU.

- **MoU between IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and ERGO Exergy Technologies INC**

An MoU was signed between IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and ERGO Exergy Technologies INC for Collaborative research and development initiative and creating a comprehensive platform for pursuing advanced research work. Prof. Keka Ojha, Department of Petroleum Engineering is the Faculty Coordinator from IIT(ISM) Dhanbad of this MoU.

- **MoU between IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and MDS IndoCan Inc., Canada**

An MoU was signed between IIT(ISM) Dhanbad and MDS IndoCan Inc., Canada to facilitate the exchanges and collaborative works including joint projects, students exchange with reputed institute in Canada and IIT(ISM) in different areas.



# Workshop / Conference / Seminar

- Department of Civil Engineering** was organized by Emerging Global Trends from 8-12 July 2024 at IIIF Kolkata. Numerous esteemed experts namely Prof. Vasant Matsagar and Prof. Tanusree Chakraborty from IIT Delhi, Prof. Guoxing Lu from Swinburne University of Technology, Australia, Dr. Anandavalli N. from SERC, Chennai, Prof. Alex Remennikov from University of Wollongong, Australia, Prof. Masuhiro Beppu from National Defense Academy, Japan, Prof. Manish Kumar from IIT Bombay, Prof. Ganesh Thiagarajan from University of Missouri, USA, Prof. Hrishikesh Sharma from IIT Guwahati, Prof. Sam Rigby from University of Sheffield, UK, Prof. M. D. Goel from VNIT Nagpur, Prof. Ricardo Castedo from Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, Spain, Prof. Rajib Sarkar and Prof. Pranesh Roy from IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Dr. Aditya Rana from CSIR-CIMFR Dhanbad, Prof. T P Tezeswi from NIT Warangal, Prof. Hezi Grisaro from Israel Institute of Technology delivered talks during the programme.



training programme was held at IIT (ISM)'s Industry-Institute Interaction Facility (IIIF), New Town, Kolkata from 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The convenor of the program was Prof. S. R. Samadder – Professor/ESE and the Co-convenor was Prof. S. K. Maiti – Professor (HAG)/ESE.



- Department of Computer Science and Engineering** hosted **Mr. Arunava Maity** as a distinguished speaker for a seminar aimed to spread awareness about Intellectual Property. Mr. Maity, a Registered Indian Patent Agent and Trade Mark Agent, is the co-founder of LEXECURES, a boutique law firm specializing in intellectual property law. With over 6 years of experience in patent practice and 7.5 years in software development, Mr. Maity brought invaluable insights into the critical role of intellectual property in fostering innovation and impact within academia.



- A workshop was organized by **Prof. S. Singh, Department of Applied Geology** on Critical Minerals: Nature, Recovery and Uses. The MOES funded workshop was held from July 15-19, 2024. Mr. Joshua Bamford, Head Tech and Innovation, British High Commission was the chief guest of the event. He with Ms. Chrishti Thomas and Mr. Sunil Kumar from British High Commission visited the Department.



- Department of Environmental Science and Engineering** and Centre for Water Resource Management (CWRM), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad organized a four-day Programme titled, "Ecosystem Restoration, Eco-Park Development in Mined-out Areas, Carbon Sequestration, Ecosystem Goods & Services, and Application of RS, GIS & Modelling". The



- A six-day short-term programme on "High-efficiency, low-emissions clean coal and carbon capture, utilization, and storage technologies" was organised by the **Department of Chemical Engineering & the Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**, under the aegis of Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP), UGC, Govt. of India. It was held during 23-28 September 2024 at the OCEP Conference Hall, i2H Building, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. The primary objective of this programme was to disseminate among the participants about the recent developments in the areas of high-efficiency, low-emissions (HELE) clean coal and Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS) Technologies, which are absolutely crucial to combat the biggest challenge of our time, i.e. global warming. The sessions had experts from Tata Steel, DVC, Maithon Power Limited, IIT Bombay, IIT Kharagpur, Jadavpur University, CMERI Durgapur, etc. The course witnessed participation from both academia and industries. **Prof. A. Samanta** from the Department of Chemical Engineering was the Course Coordinator for this short-term programme, while **Prof. Tanmay Dutta** (Department of Mechanical Engineering) and **Prof. Soumyajit Sen Gupta** (Department of Chemical Engineering) were the Course Co-coordinators.



- **Prof. Keka Ojha**, Department of Petroleum Engg. (Prof. M. Hamid Siddiqui, and Prof. Neetish Maurya, Co-Clis) executed Two Days Workshop on "*Safety in Oil and Gas Industry*" on 8-9th August in IIIF Centre, New Delhi.



- **Prof. Rajeev Upadhyay**, Dept. of Petroleum Engg, executed Two day's programme on "Coalbed methane- from prospect to pipeline" for M/s Cairn Oil & Gas (Vedanta Limited), Gurugram Office during 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024. The workshop was organized by Cairn India.
- **Prof. Ashutosh Kumar**, Dept. of Petroleum Engg, (Prof. Rajeev Upadhyay, Co-Cl) executed Course on "Specialized Training Program on "Hydrocarbon Phase Behaviour and Reservoir Rock and Fluid Properties" for Oil India Limited at Duliajan during the period 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2024 and 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024.
- **Prof. Rajeev Upadhyay**, Dept. of Petroleum Engg, (Prof. Ashutosh Kumar, Co-Cl) organized 2 days' workshop on Coalbed Methane (CBM) for executives of ONGC in P&D Directorate office, ONGC Dehradun.



- **Prof. Mohammed Hamid Siddique**, Dept. of Petroleum Engg, has coordinated the workshop "Indian Standards on Methods of sampling and Test for Petroleum and Related Products" by BIS on 28.03.2024.





- **Department of Electronics Engineering, IIT (ISM)** Dhanbad successfully organized a Drone Bootcamp at Ramgarh Engineering College (REC) Ramgarh, Jharkhand from 18-22 October 2024, under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) funded project on "Capacity Building for Human Resource Development in Unmanned Aircraft System (Drone and related technologies)." With more than 90 students from various streams participating, the bootcamp was an incredible hands-on experience. Participants not only assembled and programmed but also flew a total of 16 drones (08 quadcopters and 08 hexacopters).



- **Prof. R. M. Bhattacharjee**, Department of Mining Engineering has conducted a Special session on "Vision Zero" in the Indian Mining Sector – Challenges ahead and path forward, for the Executives of Hindustan Copper Limited at Kolkata on 5 September 2024.
- **Prof. B. S. Choudhary**, Department of Mining Engineering has conducted a three days Professional Development Programme on "Introduction of the Latest Tunneling Technique" for the executives of NHPC Ltd.
- **Department of Mechanical Engineering** organized 5-days programme on "Condition-Based Maintenance: Integrating Oil Analysis, Vibration Analysis, and Tribology", which was coordinated by **Prof. Subrata K Ghosh** at IIT(ISM) Dhanbad during 23-27 Sept 2024.



- **Department of Mechanical Engineering** organized 5-days Programme on 'Quality Engineering and Management (QEM)' at IIT (ISM) - Industry Institute Interaction Facility (IIIF), Delhi from 17-21 September 2024 in Offline mode which was coordinated by **Prof. N. K. Singh**. In this event, Prof (Retd.) S P Mukherjee, Former Centenary Professor of Statistics and Former Dean of the Faculty of Science of Calcutta University, a Legendary Statistician and International Quality and Reliability Expert, inaugurated the function in online mode as Chief Guest.

