



## Foundation Stone of Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi Laid at Kamand, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh



(R to L) Hon'ble Chief Minister Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal, Prof. S. C. Saxena and Prof. S. Ray lighting the ceremonial lamp

L to R: Shri Anand Sharma, Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal and Sri Narinder Bragta

Prof. S. C. Saxena, greeting Shri Ashok Thakur (extreme right), Additional Secretary, MHRD

On Tuesday, February 24, 2009, the foundation stone of Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi was laid by Sri Anand Sharma, Hon'ble Union Minister of State of External Affairs and Information and Broadcasting, in the august presence of Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal, the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Smt. Vidya Stokes, the leader of opposition, Himachal Pradesh Assembly, Sri Narinder Bragta, Minister, Technical Education, Himachal Pradesh, Sri Gulab Singh, Minister, PWD, Himachal Pradesh, Sri Kaul Singh Thakur, M.L.A., Drang Constituency, Himachal Pradesh and Sri Ashok Thakur, Additional Secretary, Union Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Director of the mentor institute, IIT Roorkee, Prof. S. C. Saxena, who is also the Director IIT Mandi, has conducted the proceedings of the foundation stone laying ceremony, which was anchored by Prof. I. M. Mishra, Dean of Saharanpur Campus. In spite of difficulty in access to Kamand, which is in a remote valley surrounded by mountains all around, the ceremony was attended by about 6,000 people. Prof. Gopal Chauhan, Emeritus Professor WRD&M, organized the ceremony there on behalf of Institute.

Sri Anand Sharma in his address to the gathering emphasized the efforts put in by him and other leaders in the sanction of IIT, Mandi as one of the eight new IITs being set up in the country by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India. He also expressed hope that IIT Mandi will open up opportunities for receiving quality technical education in the State of Himachal Pradesh. Prof. Dhumal expressed his confidence that IIT Mandi will evolve to become a premier institution in the country and will make significant contribution to the development

of the State following the example of its mentor institution, IIT Roorkee. Smt. Vidya Stokes thanked the Union Government for giving this gift to the people of Himachal, who will derive its benefit in due course. Mr. Kaul Singh Thakur told the gathering that IIT Mandi will trigger development in Kamand and surrounding places, which he is representing in the Himachal Assembly. Prof. S. C. Saxena, Director, IIT Roorkee, thanked all the dignitaries present for gracing the occasion and promised to spare no efforts to develop IIT Mandi to the level required to attain international reputation and standard. On this occasion Mementos were presented to all the dignitaries.

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श्री जय प्रकाश गौड़, अध्यक्ष, अभिशासक परिषद, भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान रुड़की द्वारा त्यागपत्र दिये जाने के फलस्वरूप, भारत की राष्ट्रपति ने भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान रुड़की के विजिटर की हैसियत से प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान अधिनियम 1961 की धारा 11 (अ) के द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, श्री अशोक भटनागर, पूर्व अध्यक्ष, रेलवे बोर्ड तथा मुख्य सचिव, भारत सरकार, को श्री जय प्रकाश गौड़ के स्थान पर उनकी शेष कालावधि के लिये, जो कि दिनांक 23 मई 2011 तक है, इस संस्थान के अभिशासक परिषद के अध्यक्ष पद पर सहर्ष मनोनीत किया है।

