



Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar

11th Foundation Day Celebration on 12.02.2019

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Title: Foundation Day Celebration, conducting Open House and Science & Technology Exhibition

Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar observed its **11th Foundation Day** on 12th February 2019 (Tuesday) at its Argul Campus, Jatni, Bhubaneswar. Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha graced the programme as the Chief Guest and inaugurated the Ceremony. Dr. S. Christopher, Former Chairman, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India and delivered Foundation Day Lecture as the Guest of Honour.

While addressing the gathering, Prof. R V Raja Kumar, Director welcomed the Guests and the invitees and gave a brief account of development of the Institute. He informed that the Institute has grown from strength to strength by improving in all fronts by placing itself in a good position both in National and International ranking. He added that the Institute has ranked all India fourth position in Research citation. He emphasized that the success of the students is the key for the growth of an Institution. IIT Bhubaneswar students have made us proud by reaching at global heights.

Hon'ble Governor appreciated the Director of the Institute for his outstanding leadership and vision in shaping the future of the Institute. He expressed his gratitude to the Director for his immense contribution in the development of the society by imparting disciplined teaching and research output. Addressing the students Prof. Lal put emphasis on the spiritual and inner development of the self to make best use of science and technology. He called upon the students to be more focused and create their own aura to be emulated as role models. Simple education will not take them anywhere. It is the development of the inner strength which will drive them to achieve success.

The Guest of Honour in his Foundation Day Lecture gave an account of AWACS Design and its operation in defence system. He urged the students to be very strong and smart from within like the operating system of a defence missile which knows its target and its magnitude of destruction. Every students must contribute significantly to the development of the nation either actively being part of the defence management or as a civilian.

Prof. R V Raja Kumar, Director announced that the Institute is organizing an Open House today and 5000 students have already registered for the event. This activity will enhance the capability of the school kids to aspire big in the field of Science and Technology.

The Chief Guest felicitated faculty and students of the Institute for their outstanding contribution in their respective fields. These are as follows:

1. Dr. Venugopal Arumuru, Assistant Professor, School of Mechanical Sciences (SMS) – Distinguished Teaching Award Overall Best Performance

2. Dr. Mihir Kumar Pandit, Associate Professor, School of Mechanical Sciences (SMS) - Award for Teaching Excellence
3. Dr. Kousik Samanta, Assistant Professor, School of Basic Sciences (SBS) - Award for Teaching Excellence
4. Dr. Bankim Chandra Mandal, Assistant Professor, School of Basic Sciences (SBS) - Award for Commendable Teaching
5. Dr. Rajakumar Guduru, Assistant Professor, School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Management (SHSS&M) - Award for Commendable Teaching
6. Shri Manikanta Varma, Student - for winning 1st Prize in the National Competition of StockMIND 6.
7. Shri Rahul Mahanot & Shri Rahul Kumar, Students (Team Prajjawal) for winning 1st Prize in the prestigious "Grand India Internet of Things (IoT) Innovation Challenge" hosted by TATA & CII
8. BETiC Medical Innovation Challenge Team for winning 2nd Position in Inter IIT Tech Meet
9. Cinematics Society for winning 2nd Position in 51 hour Film making completion at Inter IIT Cultural Meet

The vote of thanks was given by Prof. V. R. Pedireddi, Chairman, Organising Committee.

The day witnessed organising an Open Day in the campus from 9:30 AM to 6.00 PM with a participation of 5000 School students from Class-VI to Class- XII and Junior Engineering students from across the city and the state. On the eve, as a part of the open day, a Science and Technology exhibitions/ live projects were organized by the students of IIT, spanning across all of its schools. More than 207 exhibits were displayed and demonstrated to the visitors. The visiting students went through S&T exhibits and working models from school to school and enthusiastically participated in the science exhibition and shared their views with the students and faculty. It was very exciting and enriching experience for all the school children.

Apart from a number of colleges and schools from in and around Bhubaneswar, students of far of colleges from Berhampur, Balasore and Rayagada visited IIT in large numbers and participated enthusiastically in the Exhibition. About 400 students and 100 faculty members strived hard to put up and organize the exhibition. The sole objective of such exhibition and open house was to attract the school kids to the sphere of Science and Technology specially the girl students of remote locality.

The day ended with a cultural performance by the students of IIT Bhubaneswar.

Registrar