

54th Inter IIT sports meet was inaugurated at IIT Bhubaneswar

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Bhubaneswar: The 54th Inter-IIT inaugurated IIT sports meet was at Bhubaneswar. This is for the first time in the history of Inter IIT, a second generation IIT is cohosting the event and in this perspective, it assumes a lot of historical significance. Eight sports will be organised by IIT Kharagpur while the rest four by IIT Bhubaneswar. Shri. Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Hon'ble Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest. Ms. Dutee Chand, Indian professional sprinter was the Guest of Honour. The event was presided over by Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar.

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The inaugural event was followed by march past by athletes, welcome address by Prof. V.R. Pedireddi, Dean Student Affairs and Chairman, Organizing Committee for 54th Inter IIT Sports Meet 2019 IIT Bhubaneswar, flag hosting by the Chief Guest and Director, IIT Bhubaneswar. The event also marked some great cultural dance performances by professional dancers in the form of Gotipua and Paika Akhada organized as a part of the inaugural session. The event saw active participation from Deans, Faculty, staff, students, family of the campusites. The event ended with vote of thanks by the Dr. Sankarsan Mohapatra, Convenor, Organizing Committee, 54th Inter IIT Sports Meet 2019.