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79th Independence Day Celebrations with commitment for Naya Bharat

IIT Bhubaneswar joined the Nation in celebrating the 79th Independence Day of India with the theme of this year 'Naya Bharat'. Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director of the Institute, hoisted the National Flag on the occasion.

In his Independence Day Address, Prof. Karmalkar highlighted that in 21st Century, Independence means self-reliance while collaborating with the world to build a future of progress and peace, digital and technological sovereignty, and liberty with responsibility." At IIT Bhubaneswar, the vision of Naya Bharat is being realised through the implementation of NEP-2020, the establishment of industry-academia collaborations epitomized at present by a Silicon-Carbide Research and Innovation Center, and collaborations with Govt. of Odisha on projects related to blue economy," he mentioned.

The celebration also showcased March-Past by the security unit, National Cadet Corps (NCC) and exciting performances by the students of the Institute. Among others, Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Dean (Student Affairs); Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar of the Institute and Dr. Shantantu Patra, Professor In-Charge, Extra-Academic Activities were notably present on the occasion.

As part of the Independence Day celebrations, Student Gymkhana organized vibrant cultural programmes to celebrate India's 79th Independence Day in the evening. The programme showcased an array of scintillating cultural performances by the students and campus residents.

79th Independence Day Celebrations at Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Bhubaneswar

Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Bhubaneswar (KVIITBBS) also celebrated the 79th Independence Day of India with the theme 'Naya Bharat' in an atmosphere filled with enthusiasm, patriotism, and national pride.

The school campus was adorned with tricolour flags and floral decorations, creating a vibrant and festive ambience. The celebration commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by Prof. V. Pandu Ranga, Dean (Continuing Education), IIT Bhubaneswar, in the presence of the School Principal, Mr. Chakradhar Prustry. Distinguished guests included Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Dean (Student Affairs); Prof. Ashis Biswas, Dean (Alumni Affairs); and Dr. Debi Prasad Dogra, Head of the Department of Computer Science, IIT Bhubaneswar. Vidyalaya Management Committee Members, Parents, staff, and students participated in the event with great spirit and unity.

A cultural programme showcasing the spirit of freedom was presented by students, featuring patriotic songs, energetic dance performances, and inspiring speeches. The presentations honoured the sacrifices of freedom fighters while highlighting the importance of unity in diversity, leaving the audience filled with pride and emotion.

Addressing the gathering, the guests shared encouraging messages, urging everyone to fulfil their responsibilities as citizens and to support one another in building a "Vikasit Bharat".

Har Ghar Tiranga

As part of the Independence Day celebrations, the members of the Institute also actively took part in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign during 2nd to 15th August 2025, to showcase their patriotism and respect for the tri-colour.

The Tiranga Rally, organised by the Students' Gymkhana as part of the 79th Independence Day celebrations and the HarGharTiranga campaign, brought the campus alive with vibrant colours and patriotic fervour. Students, faculty, and staff came together to walk in unity, proudly holding the tricolour and reaffirming our shared commitment to the ideals of freedom and national pride. The event was not just a rally—it was a heartfelt tribute to the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and a celebration of the spirit that binds us together as a nation.

As part of this campaign, the students of IIT Bhubaneswar participated in a quiz competition on India on 15th August 2025.

Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan

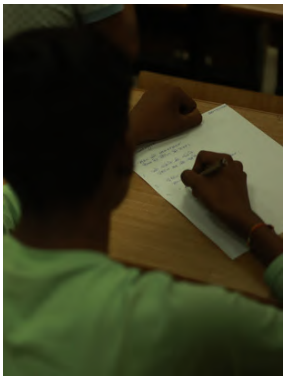
IIT Bhubaneswar joined the Nation in the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan. As part of the movement, pledge for a 'Drug Free India' was administered to students and members of the Institute on 12th August 2025 and 15th August 2025.

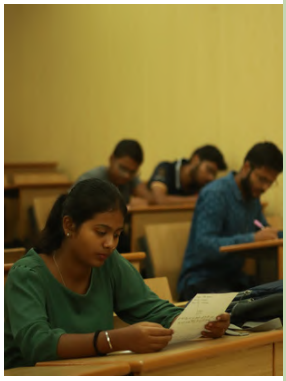
Anti-Ragging Week

IIT Bhubaneswar joined the Nation in the observance of the Anti-Ragging Week from 12th to 18th August 2025. The Institute is committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all. As part of this commitment, the students attended the screening of the Anti-Ragging Awareness Video followed by the Anti-Ragging Pledge, on 12th August 2025.

By taking this pledge, our students reaffirmed their resolution to stand against any form of ragging, uphold mutual respect, and contribute to a campus culture built on trust and dignity.

As part of the campaign, an Essay Writing Competition and a Slogan Writing Competition were organized on 17th August, where students participated with enthusiasm and creativity.





National Space Day

An exhibition titled "From Ancient Skies to Modern Horizons – Space Heritage in India" was hosted by the Science & Technology Council of the Students' Gymkhana on 23rd August 2025 on the occasion of the National Space Day. The exhibition showcased India's rich cultural, scientific, and technological legacy in astronomy and space science – from ancient astronomy to modern space missions. The exhibition comprised of six thematic sections with 24 exhibits integrating physical models and panel displays.

The National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous body functioning under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, extended this initiative to IIT Bhubaneswar, encouraging us to participate in this nationwide initiative in order to enhance outreach and inspire a wider academic and youth audience.

The exhibition was successfully held at the SAC area in the Students' Gymkhana and was attended by a large number of students, faculty, staff members, and campus residents. The office of the Dean (SA) and Nakshatra, the astronomy society of the Science and Technology Council coordinated the event.

National Librarians' Day

On National Librarians' Day (12th August 2025), the Central Library of IIT Bhubaneswar paid heartfelt tribute to Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the visionary father of library science in India, and honoured our librarians — the silent torchbearers who guide seekers through the vast oceans of information.

The celebration was a reminder that while technology may change the way we access knowledge, the human spirit that curates, preserves, and shares it remains timeless.

Faculty Achievement: IIT Bhubaneswar Professor Graces VIT's 40th Convocation

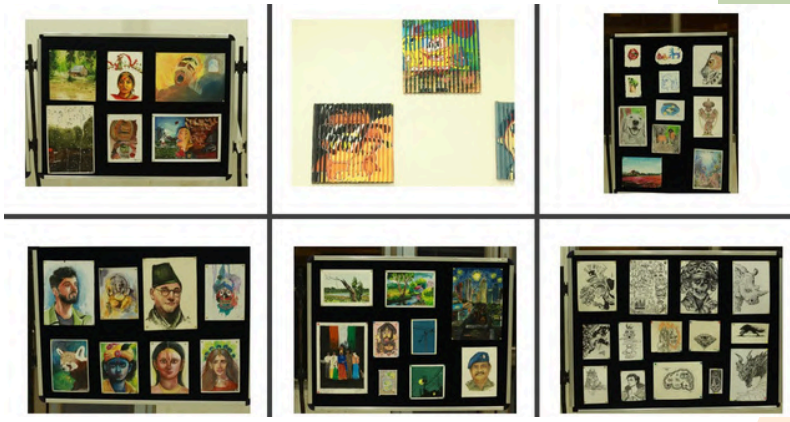
Prof. Kari Vijayakrishna, Professor, School of Basic Sciences graced the 40th Convocation of VIT (Vellore Institute of Technology) as a "Guest of Honour" on 17th August 2025. Prof. Vijayakrishna addressed the graduating students on the occasion of their graduation.

Janmastami Celebration at Vatsalaya

Janmastami was celebrated by the little kids of the campus at Vatsalya Creche Centre under the supervision of Dr. Aparna Pandey, with the help of our creche staff, Mrs.T Rupavati, Mrs. Suprava Samal, Ms. Bishwapriya Maharana, and Y. Esther Rani.

Etheria 2025

Etheria 2025, the annual art exhibition by Kalakriti, the Fine Arts Society of IIT Bhubaneswar, was held on 23rd 24th August 2025 and drew immense appreciation. Showcasing diverse student creations—from paintings and sculptures to grand murals—the event highlighted the community's vibrant artistic spirit. A key attraction was the clay workshop in LHL, where participants crafted their own models to take home. With enthusiastic participation and lively evening gatherings, Etheria stood out as a true celebration of creativity and expression on campus.



Fresher's Got Talent

"Life is a great symphony,
and light and color are its notes."