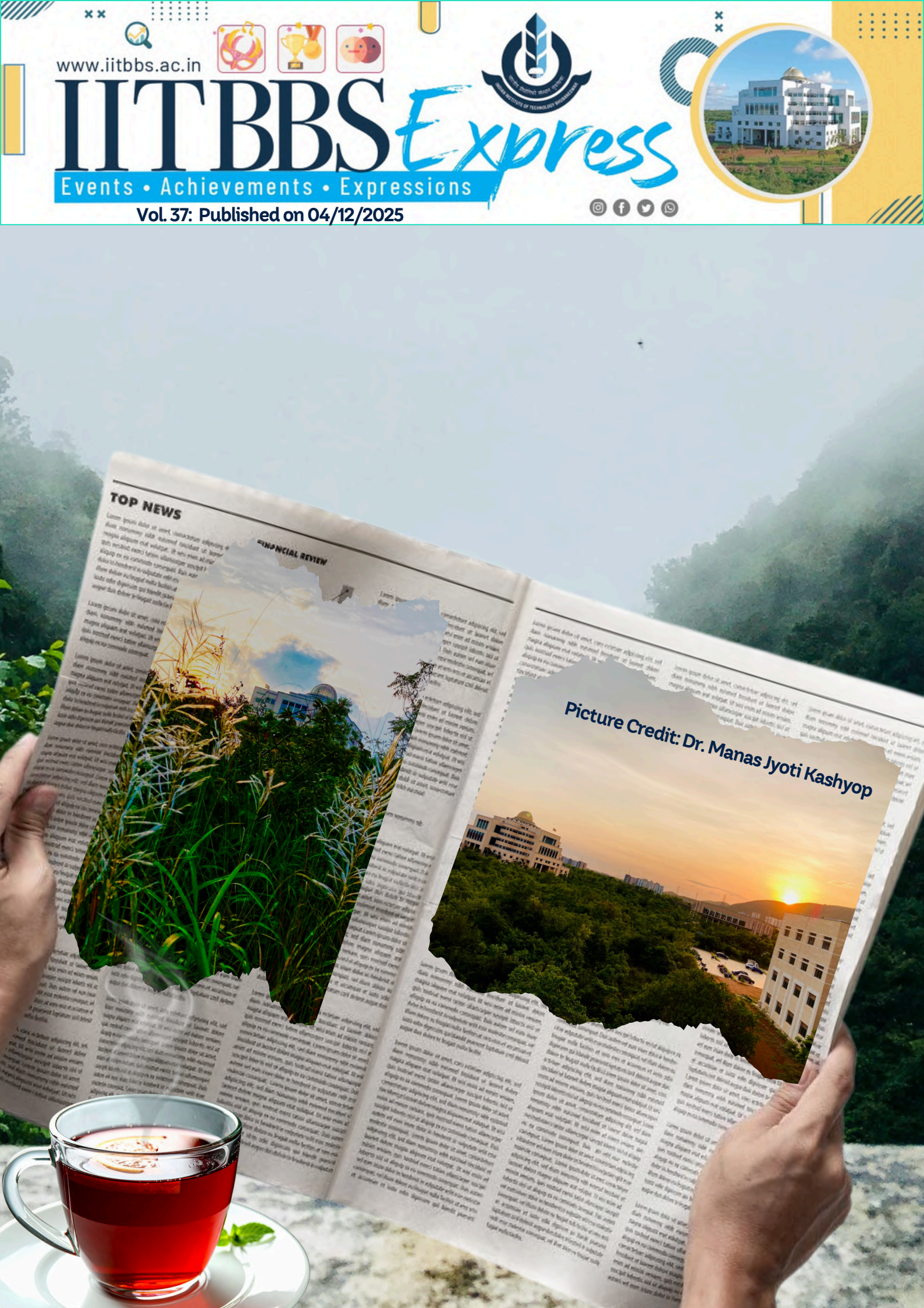


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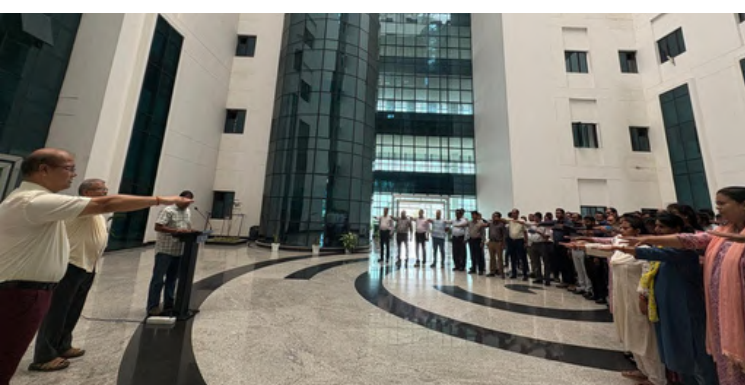
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IIT Bhubaneswar Observes Vigilance Awareness Week 2025

IIT Bhubaneswar observed the Vigilance Awareness Week from 27th October to 2nd November 2025, aligning with the nationwide campaign to promote transparency, ethical practices, and heightened consciousness against corruption. The theme of this year's observance was "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility".

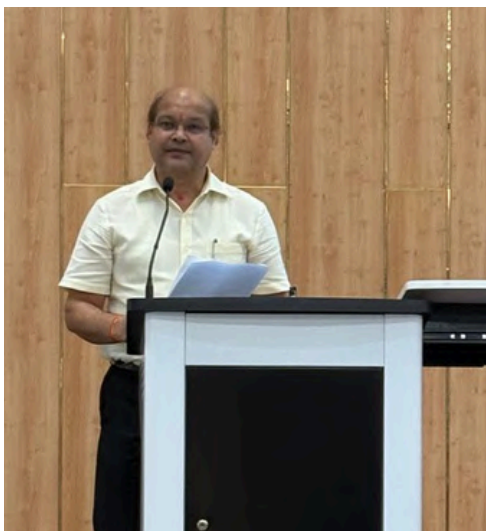
The observance began with the Integrity Pledge undertaken by the faculty, staff, and students of the Institute, reaffirming their commitment to uphold honesty, accountability, and probity in public life.



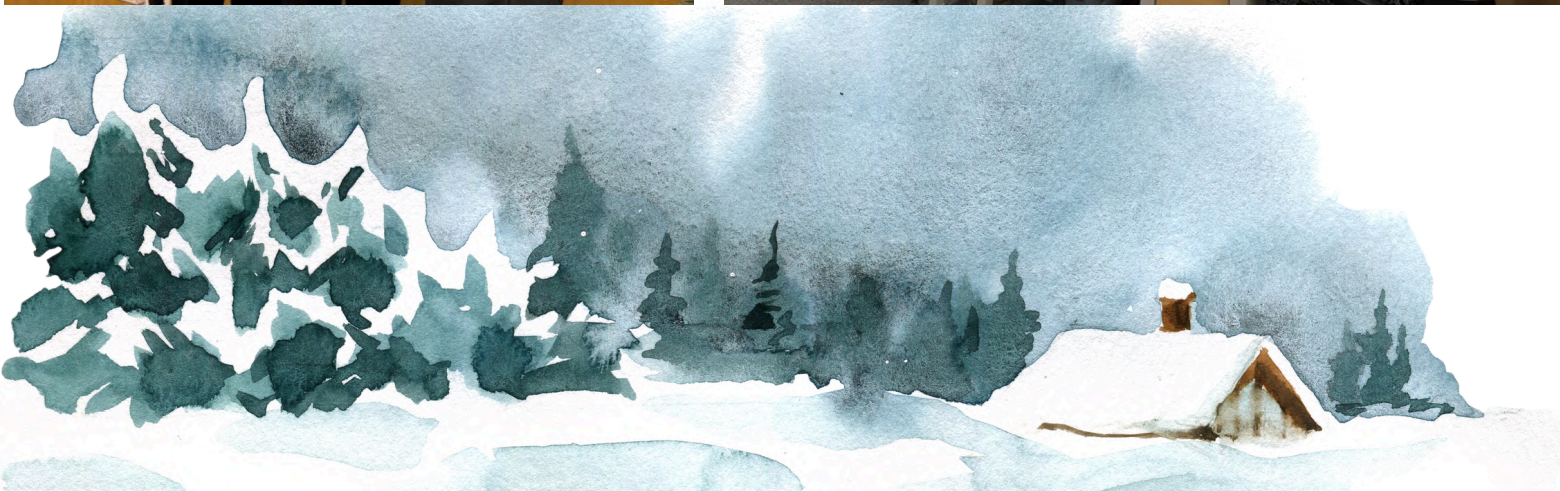
As part of the week-long programme, a special lecture titled "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility" was delivered by Shri Sunil Kumar Bansal, Former Director General of Police, Odisha. He emphasized that vigilance is rooted in integrity and the courage to stand by one's ideals. "Vigilance is not merely a legal framework; it is fundamentally a commitment to honesty and steadfastness in public life," he noted. Highlighting human vulnerability to temptation, he stressed the need for systems that reduce avoidable opportunities for corruption. Discussing the broader societal impact, Shri Bansal outlined how lack of integrity affects areas ranging from public health and road safety to foreign investment and national economy, with corruption accounting for a significant loss to GDP. He also drew attention to the varying degrees of responsibility, stating that while vigilance is shared, decision-makers carry a greater ethical obligation in upholding integrity.



Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, highlighted the Institute's commitment to fostering a transparent and responsible ecosystem. He underscored that building a culture of ethical governance is not only essential for organizational excellence but also for nation-building.



The programme was coordinated by Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar, IIT Bhubaneswar. Around 150 faculty, officers and staff attended the programme and participated in the interaction.



IIT Bhubaneswar Celebrates 150 Years of India's National Song Vande Mataram

IIT Bhubaneswar joined the nation in commemorating the 150th anniversary of India's iconic national song Vande Mataram, penned by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in 1875. The event, held on 7th November 2025, highlighted the timeless essence of the song as a symbol of patriotism, unity, and profound devotion to the motherland.

The celebration took place in the presence of Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director; Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Dean of Student Affairs; and Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar, who reflected on the enduring spirit of Vande Mataram and its influence in inspiring generations during India's freedom struggle and the ongoing journey of progress.



National Unity Day

IIT Bhubaneswar commemorated the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, observed as National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) on 31st October 2025

As part of the observance, the Institute organised a Unity Run. The event aimed to foster the spirit of unity, integrity, and national harmony among the campus community. The Unity Run commenced from the Student Activity Centre (SAC) in the morning, witnessing enthusiastic participation from faculty, officers, staff, students, and residents. Around 100 participants participated in this run.



The Unity Pledge was also administered to the members of the Institute at the administrative building. Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar administered the pledge to the faculty, staff and students. Around 150 members were present on the occasion.



IIT Bhubaneswar Hosts Integrated Power Electronics Workshop

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar hosted a one-day national workshop on “Setting Up a Pilot Line for Integrated Power Electronics” on 14th November 2025, bringing together leading representatives from industry, academia and government to advance India’s semiconductor ambitions under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM). The workshop aimed to gather critical inputs for shaping the proposal for the Integrated Power Electronics Hub to be established at IIT Bhubaneswar.



In his address, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, emphasised the national momentum and the need for strong collaboration under the India Semiconductor Mission. He said, “A nationwide effort is underway to build a robust Industry–Academia–Government partnership for a globally competitive semiconductor ecosystem. IIT Bhubaneswar, with its 936-acre scenic campus at the foot of Barunei Hill, is contributing significantly through its ₹64-crore SiC Research and Innovation Centre, its role in the upcoming 220-acre Semiconductor and ESDM Park, a year-long PG Diploma in Semiconductor Technology, and the newly sanctioned ₹4.95-crore NaMo Semiconductor Laboratory. Our M.Tech, MS and PhD programmes in semiconductor technology and chip design further strengthen India’s talent pipeline.”



Prof. Rao Tummala, Advisor to ISM, presented the purpose of the workshop, clarifying the two primary goals: establishing IIT Bhubaneswar as an Integrated Power Electronics Hub with a pilot line for industry prototypes, and setting up an industry consortium to extend existing package manufacturing lines across six states.

Mr. Ashok Chandak, President of Energy Storage Association in India (IESA) & Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI) India showed the statistics of semiconductor growth in India. Also touched upon how the proposed hub is going to be set up and managed.

Sessions through the day included detailed presentations on the role of IIT Bhubaneswar in the national hub network, the organisation and management of the multi-institutional structure, and the responsibilities of each technology centre. Industry leaders then delivered short presentations showcasing their tools, technologies and materials essential for setting up the Integrated Power Electronics Hub at IIT Bhubaneswar. These covered a wide range of domains including design automation tools, board assembly reliability, thermal technologies, materials and components, substrates, power module design, and electrical testing.

Workshop on Mainstreaming Low-Carbon Building Materials for a Sustainable Built Environment in Odisha

IIT Bhubaneswar, in collaboration with Development Alternatives, organised a one-day workshop on “Mainstreaming Low-Carbon Building Materials to Transform the Built Environment in Odisha” as the state moves rapidly toward urban expansion and sustainable infrastructure goals. The workshop was held on 31st October 2025. The initiative was also supported by the Indian Metal and Ferro Alloys (IMFA).



Smt. Usha Padhee, IAS, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, Government of Odisha, opened the session by underscoring the responsibility of engineers and policymakers to ensure environmentally conscious growth. “Whatever we do in construction must contribute to a healthier environment. We can only progress if we believe we can — and ensure development is greener,” she said. She also reaffirmed the government’s commitment to enabling regulations, capacity building, and entrepreneurship to mainstream sustainable materials, including C&D waste products.

Sharing the institutional vision, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, emphasized the growing urgency for academia-industry-government synergy: “There is a growing need for stronger connectivity between industry, academia and government so that the knowledge created in higher educational institutions can rapidly translate into tangible societal impact. Materials are a critical area of national development, and with the scale of infrastructure growth in Odisha, appropriate building materials are essential to manage emissions. IIT Bhubaneswar is committed to contributing meaningfully to this collaboration and emerging as a national hub in materials-oriented innovation.”

In his special address, Prof. Manu Santhanam of IIT Madras highlighted India's reliance on finite building resources and the need for a stronger policy push. "We must extend the life of natural resources and use by-products and recycled materials effectively. The science is clear — it's time for bold action," he said. He added that Odisha, with its natural resources and industrial by-products, is well placed to lead this transition.

In the inaugural session, Prof. Dinakar Pasla, Dean (Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy), IIT Bhubaneswar delivered the welcome address and noted : "As Odisha grows rapidly, we must ensure our infrastructure growth is aligned with sustainability goals. Academia and industry collaboration can accelerate the adoption of climate-resilient materials."

Ms. Devapriya De Munshi, Development Alternatives, emphasized behavioural and policy shifts.



A technical report providing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission projections for Odisha's built environment and actionable recommendations titled 'Pathways for Decarbonization in the Built Environment of India' was also unveiled during the event.

Dr. Umesh Chandra Sahoo, Associate Professor, School of Infrastructure, IIT Bhubaneswar proposed a vote of thanks.

The workshop covered decarbonizing Odisha's built environment; innovations in low-carbon materials such as LC3 cement, sintered aggregates, biomass-based concrete, and unfired bricks; C&D waste valorization and circular economy practices; sustainable road solutions; and challenges in standards, viability, and market adoption. Experts from IIT Bhubaneswar, IIT Madras, KIIT, industry partners like IMFA, and waste-processing organisations from Hyderabad and Thane contributed to the discussions. A final panel offered actionable insights on enabling policies, industry collaboration, and research-to-practice linkages. Participants concluded that supportive policies, stronger research-to-practice efforts, and green entrepreneurship are essential for scaling low-carbon building materials across Odisha.

IIT Bhubaneswar participates in 5th All India Design Innovation Meet 2025

The 5th All India Design Innovation Meet was held on 4th November 2025 at the IIT Delhi Research & Innovation Park. The event was jointly organized by the Design Innovation Centres (DICs) of IIT Bhubaneswar, IIT Delhi, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Roorkee and the School of Planning & Architecture, New Delhi. Ms. Manmohan Kaur, Advisor, Ministry of Education, graced the occasion as the chief guest.

Design Innovation Centres (DICs) have been established across public academic institutions under the National Initiative for Design Innovation (NIDI) of the Ministry of Education, following a Hub-and-Spoke model. Currently, the network comprises 20 DIC HUBs – including 10 IITs – and 64 associated Spoke institutions.





The meet showcased innovative projects and products from around 60 Design Innovation Centres belonging to higher education institutions across the country. Several startups nurtured through DIC initiatives also exhibited their solutions. From DIC IIT Bhubaneswar, startups Vasitars and Ranvox participated, displaying their emerging products. Exhibits from three other components of the National Initiative for Design Innovation (NIDI) scheme – the Open Design School (ODS), e-Kalpa, and the National Design Innovation Network (NDIN) – were also featured.

A core objective of DICs is to integrate hands-on knowledge application into curricular and co-curricular activities, enabling students to address societal challenges through design and innovation. Over the years, DICs have been largely successful in achieving this mission.

The meet provided a valuable platform for participating institutions to share ideas, learn from each other's experiences, and strengthen collaborative efforts. The exhibition also offered enriching exposure for attending students and staff, fostering greater awareness of design-led innovation in India's academic ecosystem.

Technical Workshop on Integrated Geotechnical & Structural Analysis using PLAXIS 2D & SACS

IIT Bhubaneswar successfully conducted a three-day hands-on workshop on Integrated Geotechnical and Structural Analysis using PLAXIS 2D and SACS from 13th to 15th November 2025, in collaboration with Bentley Systems and the IGS Bhubaneswar Chapter. The programme brought together students, research scholars, and industry professionals for an intensive learning experience in advanced geotechnical and structural modelling.

The workshop featured expert-led sessions, live software demonstrations, and interactive exercises, offering participants practical exposure to soil-structure interaction, offshore structural analysis, and real-world case studies. Enthusiastic participation and collaborative discussions enriched the technical atmosphere throughout the event.



Workshop Highlights:

- Expert-led sessions on geotechnical and structural analysis
- Live demonstrations and step-by-step modelling in PLAXIS 2D and SACS
- Case-study-based learning for real-world applicability
- Vibrant interaction and peer-to-peer learning
- Strong focus on integrating theory with practice

Mr. Kaushik Mukherjee, Manager, Bentley Systems, Asia-Pacific; Dr. Keerthi Raj, Bentley India; Dr. Rohan Deshmukh, Bentley India contributed to the organization of the programme.



National Workshop on Hydraulic & Barrier Systems Using Geosynthetics

IIT Bhubaneswar, in collaboration with the International Geosynthetics Society (IGS India) and the Indian Geotechnical Society, Bhubaneswar Chapter, successfully held a two-day workshop on “Solutions in Hydraulic & Barrier Systems Using Geosynthetics.” The event brought together experts from academia, industry, and government to discuss advanced applications of geosynthetics in coastal protection, landslide mitigation, mining, hydraulic barriers, and climate-resilient infrastructure.



Senior engineers from the Water Resources Department, Government of Odisha, actively participated, adding valuable field perspectives to the technical sessions. Key outcomes included the need for scientific integration of geosynthetics in embankments, flood protection, canal lining, slope stabilization, ground improvement, and major road projects.

Participants emphasized capacity building through structured training and collaborative research, along with a strong call for developing a dedicated Schedule of Rates (SoR) for geotextiles, geomembranes, geogrids, and related products to streamline approvals and accelerate project implementation.

Focusing on issues such as coastal erosion, saline intrusion, responsible mining, and climate-resilient infrastructure, the workshop marked a significant step toward advancing sustainable engineering practices in Odisha and beyond.



Residential Workshop for Practising Engineers on Steel and Construction Practices

School of Infrastructure of IIT Bhubaneswar organized a two-day residential workshop, 'Construction Conclave 2.0,' from 6th to 7th November 2025. The event was coordinated by Prof. Sumanta Haldar and Prof. Santhoshkumar G in association with TATA Tiscon Steel Limited. It brought together a diverse group of industry experts, practitioners, and architects to delve into the latest advancements in civil engineering and construction practices.



The inaugural ceremony was chaired by Prof. Dinakar Pasla, Dean (Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy; Prof. Sumanta Haldar, Head of the School of Infrastructure, and Mr. Sandip Talukdar from TATA Steel.

The technical sessions commenced with Prof. Suresh R. Dash, who provided critical insights into 'Indian Seismicity and Wind Load Effects on Buildings' and the 'Basics of Wind Load Design' as per Indian codes.



The first day also featured Prof. Devesh Punera, who demonstrated computer modeling and dynamic analysis of multi-storied RC buildings, and Prof. Suresh Kumar Padala, who addressed the critical issue of rebar corrosion in coastal zones. The day concluded with an interactive laboratory visit and demonstration of key tests, led by Prof. Santhoshkumar G and Prof. Suresh Kumar Padala.



Day two of the conclave began with geotechnical expertise from Prof. Sumanta Halder on soil investigation, followed by Prof. Shantanu Patra's session on bearing capacity calculations and foundation design. Prof. Tarutal Ghosh Mondal then showcased the future of the field with a session on using AI and drones for structural inspection. The workshop concluded with Prof. Dinakar Pasla's practical guidance on best construction practices for low-rise RCC buildings.

The valedictory programme summarized the key takeaways, emphasizing seismic resilience, wind load considerations, and sustainable practices. Participants received certificates, marking the end of an event that successfully bridged the gap between academic research and industry application, fostering the adoption of safer and more durable construction methodologies.

IIT Bhubaneswar Faculty gets elected for the 2026 class of OPTICA



The Board of Directors of Optica (Formerly Optical Society of America-OSA), Advancing Optics and Photonics Worldwide, recently elected 121 members from 23 countries to the Society's 2026 Fellow Class. Prof. Rajan Jha, Department of Physics, SBS has been elected as one of the Fellows "For pioneering contributions to fiber photonics devices through development of fiber interferometers, micro-nano structures, plasmonics systems, and advancing sensing technology".

Congratulations to Prof. Jha!

The details can be found on the link below

https://www.optica.org/about/newsroom/news_releases/2025/optica_announces_2026_fellows_class/

National Education Day Celebrated

The students of ITEP celebrated National Education Day at the School of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Management with enthusiasm and creativity on 11th November 2025. The day commemorates the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Minister of Education and a key architect of the nation's modern education system.



Observed annually, National Education Day honours Maulana Azad's vision of education as a tool for societal transformation. During his tenure (1947–1958), he established institutions such as the UGC and IITs and advocated free, inclusive, and value-based education—principles that continue to guide India's education system.

The celebration at IIT Bhubaneswar featured a poster exhibition illustrating India's educational journey, including a standout timeline chart. An interactive board invited visitors to share what education means to them. Faculty members visited the displays and appreciated the students' creativity and research.



Supported by SHSSM faculty, the event concluded with reflections on Maulana Azad's enduring legacy. The celebration served as a reminder to continue learning, innovating, and contributing to a more informed and equitable society.

IITBBS REP hosts 'ReFlow: Menstrual Health Innovation Hackathon 2025'

IIT Bhubaneswar Research and Entrepreneurship Park (IITBBS REP), in collaboration with UNICEF Odisha, Ayurarogya Saukhyam Foundation, ActionLab 2050 Foundation, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), and the Odisha Menstrual Health & Hygiene Alliance, successfully organized the ReFlow: Menstrual Health Innovation Hackathon 2025. The programme was also supported by the State Bank of India. Held on 15th November 2025, this was the first-ever hackathon held at IIT Bhubaneswar, focusing on the theme of Menstrual Health and Hygiene.



The event commenced with an inaugural ceremony graced by representatives from partnering organisations. Dr. Seema Bahinipati, Convenor of ReFlow Hackathon and Independent Director of IITBBS REP, delivered the welcome address, followed by remarks from Ms. Shipra Saxena, WASH-CCES Specialist, UNICEF, Odisha; Prof. Praveen Bist, Chairperson, Board of Advisors, Saukhyam Foundation; Mr. Tapas Mohapatra, ActionLab 2050; Ms. Purabee Purnasha Mishra, COO, Electropreneur Park, STPI, Bhubaneswar; and Dr. Meena Som, Health Specialist, UNICEF Odisha. Speakers emphasized the importance of innovation in promoting menstrual health equity, sustainability, and community-driven awareness.

The day-long event brought together innovators, start-ups, students, NGOs, and young changemakers from across India to co-create solutions addressing critical challenges in menstrual health and hygiene (MHH). Finalists presented prototypes and ideas across five key innovation tracks—Reusable Menstrual Products and Online Awareness Campaigns for Sustainable Period Products, IoT Solutions in Menstrual Health & Hygiene, Menstrual Health as a Livelihood and Menstrual Health and Faith. 44 teams with innovative ideas were shortlisted for the final presentation out of a total of 76 teams from across the country. Throughout the day, finalists showcased their ideas through live demonstrations and presentations, which were evaluated by a panel of experts



In the valedictory session, jury members shared their reflections on the quality, impact potential, and scalability of the solutions presented. Ms Payal Patel, famous as the Pad Girl of Odisha, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour and addressed the gathering with an encouraging message on fostering innovation for social good. Winners across the innovation tracks were felicitated during the prize distribution ceremony, marking the culmination of a high-energy, impact-driven event that aimed to transform how communities access and engage with menstrual health solutions. ReFlow 2025 forms a key part of IITBBS REP's commitment to supporting socially relevant innovation by offering mentoring, incubation support, and opportunities for creators to translate ideas into real-world impact.

IIT Bhubaneswar students visit Mancheswar Sewage Treatment Plant, Bhubaneswar

Students of M.Tech. and Dual Degree Environmental Engineering, along with B.Tech. Civil Engineering students of IIT Bhubaneswar, visited the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Mancheswar, Bhubaneswar, on 15 November 2025 as part of their academic curriculum to strengthen practical understanding of wastewater treatment systems. The visit was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Manaswini Behera and Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash from the School of Infrastructure.



During the field visit, students observed key treatment stages such as screening, grit removal, primary settling, biological treatment, sludge management, and biogas generation. Plant officials briefed them on operational processes, efficiencies, and the challenges involved in wastewater treatment and sludge disposal.

The visit offered valuable real-world exposure, deepening students' understanding of sustainable wastewater management and highlighting the critical role of efficient sewage treatment in urban infrastructure. Field-based learning initiatives like this continue to shape industry-ready environmental and civil engineering professionals.



IIT Bhubaneswar Organises Talk on Road Safety

IIT Bhubaneswar organized an awareness talk on Road Safety in association with the Nagpur-based NGO Janakrosh on 6th November 2025. Shri P. Y. Khandekar, President of Janakrosh, delivered the talk. It may be noted that Janakrosh actively works towards promoting road safety education across the country.

During his presentation, Shri Khandekar highlighted the importance of road safety and public awareness through engaging visuals and illustrations. He informed the audience about traffic regulations, common causes of accidents, and the grave consequences of negligence on the road. He particularly emphasized issues such as violation of traffic rules, driving or walking on the wrong side, over-speeding, use of mobile phones while driving, and not wearing helmets. His impactful presentation left a lasting impression on the audience, reinforcing the need for responsible behavior on the road.



Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, emphasized the importance of adhering to traffic rules within the campus premises as well. He urged all members of the Institute to maintain a speed limit of 30 km/hr on campus and encouraged students to remain vigilant about traffic violations and report them when necessary.

With over 1.3 million global deaths and more than 172,000 fatalities in India in 2023 due to road accidents, initiatives like Janakrosh for a Better Tomorrow play a vital role in saving lives and fostering a culture of safety.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Shantanu Patra, Professor-in-Charge (Extra Academic Affairs), IIT Bhubaneswar, and witnessed the participation of more than 300 students, faculty members, staff, and campus residents

IIT Bhubaneswar and James Cook University Explore Academic & Research Collaborations

IIT Bhubaneswar held a strategic meeting with Mr. Nicholas Booker, Country Representative of James Cook University (JCU), Australia, on 17th November 2025 to explore potential avenues of academic collaboration, joint research, and student development opportunities. The meeting took place at the Administrative Building of the Institute and brought together senior academic and research leaders from IIT Bhubaneswar.



The meeting saw the participation of senior academic and administrative members from IIT Bhubaneswar, including Prof. Ashis Biswas, Dean (Alumni, Corporate & International Relations); Prof. Chandrashekhar N. Bhende, Dean (PG & Research Programmes); Prof. P. Dinakar, Dean (Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy); Dr. Amrita Satapathy, Head, School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Management; Dr. Syed Hilal Farooq, Associate Professor, School of Earth, Ocean & Climate Sciences; Dr. Shantanu Patra, Associate Professor, School of Infrastructure; Dr. Madhusmita Dash, Assistant Professor (Economics); Dr. Aparna Pandey, Assistant Professor (Psychology); Dr. Ashna Jacob, Assistant Professor (English); Dr. Snigdha Ghosh, School of Minerals, Metallurgical & Materials Engineering; and Shri Pradeep Kumar Sahoo, Deputy Registrar (AC&IR).

Swami Sarvapriyananda illuminates IIT Bhubaneswar with Profound Discourse on Mind and Consciousness

The Arpan Society of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar organized an enlightening spiritual discourse titled “Mind and Consciousness – A Vedantic Outlook” on 17th November 2025 at the Udayagiri Hall of Learning. The session was delivered by Swami Sarvapriyananda ji Maharaj, Minister-in-Charge and spiritual leader of the Vedanta Society of New York, and was attended by students, faculty, staff, and guests from across the Institute



Swami Sarvapriyananda, noted for his lucid exposition of Advaita Vedanta, delivered an insightful discourse on the nature of human experience. Addressing students, faculty, and spiritual seekers, he explained that while the mind constantly shifts with thoughts and emotions, consciousness remains the silent, unchanging witness. Using Vedantic metaphors of reflected and original light, he clarified that the true Self is not the mind but the awareness that illumines it. Recognizing this distinction, he noted, brings emotional balance, clarity, and inner freedom, as true peace comes not from controlling the mind but from realizing the ever-present nature of consciousness.

The event concluded with a highly interactive Q&A session where the audience engaged in thought-provoking discussions on self-awareness, identity, and the pursuit of inner peace.

Prof. Partha Sarathi De from the School of Minerals, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering of IIT Bhubaneswar delivered the welcome address and introduced the guest. Prof. Dinakar Pasla, Dean (Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy) also graced the occasion. Dr. Umesh Chandra Sahoo, Associate Professor, School of Infrastructure, along with the volunteers of the Arpan Society, coordinated the programme.

Inspiring Session on 'Dealing with Today's Stress through Emotional Intelligence'



IIT Bhubaneswar organised an insightful session on “Dealing with Today’s Stress through Emotional Intelligence” on 14th November 2025. The talk was delivered by renowned Life Coach, Corporate Trainer, and Inspirational Speaker Dr. E. V. Swaminathan, a global expert in Emotional and Quantum Intelligence.

Dr. Swaminathan, known for his transformative work with leading institutions worldwide, engaged the audience with practical strategies for managing stress through emotional awareness, positive thinking, and mind management. Blending science, psychology, and spirituality, he explained how emotional intelligence helps individuals handle academic and professional pressures with clarity and balance. He shared simple yet powerful techniques to enhance focus, regulate emotions, and build inner resilience—encouraging participants to turn stress into strength. Insights drawn from his extensive work with students, professionals, defence forces, and global organisations added depth and relevance to the session.

The event concluded with an interactive segment, where participants engaged with Dr. Swaminathan to gain further guidance on achieving emotional well-being in a fast-paced world.

Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar graced the occasion. Dr. Umesh Chandra Sahoo, Associate Professor, School of Infrastructure, along with the volunteers of the Arpan Society, coordinated the programme.

IIT Bhubaneswar holds annual sports festival Ashvamedha

The annual sports festival of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar, 'Ashvamedha', was held from 7th to 9th November 2025. The event was organised by the Sports Council of Students' Gymkhana, IIT Bhubaneswar. The fifth edition of Ashvamedha witnessed an exponential growth in participation in different sports, making it one of the biggest college sports fests of Odisha. The fest included Basketball, table tennis, lawn tennis, chess, weightlifting, football, volleyball, badminton, Kho-Kho and other sports, witnessing participation of more than 800 players from around 23 colleges and institutions from the Eastern Zone. Like previous years, IIT Bhubaneswar again retained the championship trophy at the end of the three-day event.





Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar graced the inaugural ceremony and rolled the ball. He played a friendly football match for 15 min which was also a part of the inaugural event. He encouraged the students to maintain their sportive spirit. The inauguration event was also attended by Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Dean-Student Affairs, Dr. Kodanda Ram Mangipudi, President of Student's Gymkhana, Dr. Bankim Chandra Mandal, Faculty Advisor of Sports and Games and Dr. Ankit Ravindra Deshmukh, Chairperson of Ashvamedha. Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash graced the closing ceremony and handed over awards to the winners. Mr. Chakradhar Allu, the Chief Coordinator of the Fest, coordinated the event successfully.



Health Camp for Residents



The Sanjeevan Health Centre of IIT Bhubaneswar, in association with SUM Hospital Campus-2, organised a free health check-up camp on 8th November 2025 for the campus inmates. Specialists from Medicine, O&G, Eye, ENT, Orthopaedics, Skin, and Dental provided consultations to the faculty members, students, staff and residents of the Institute. Medicines were also distributed free of cost as per the consultation. As many as 363 patients benefited from this camp, including the migrant workers residing in the Institute campus. Dr. Seema Bahinipati, Professor-in-Charge (Healthcare) was present on the occasion. The members of Sanjeevan Health Centre, led by Dr. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khan, Senior Medical Officer, coordinated the health camp.



1st All Women WWC- Gymkhana Sports Championship 2025

The campus of IIT Bhubaneswar was abuzz with energy and enthusiasm as the 1st All Women WWC- Gymkhana Sports Championship 2025 was held from 30th October to 1st November 2025, at the Student Activity Centre (SAC). The event was jointly organized by the Women Welfare Committee (WWC) and the Students' Gymkhana, IIT Bhubaneswar, to encourage women to engage in sports, fitness, and friendly competitions.



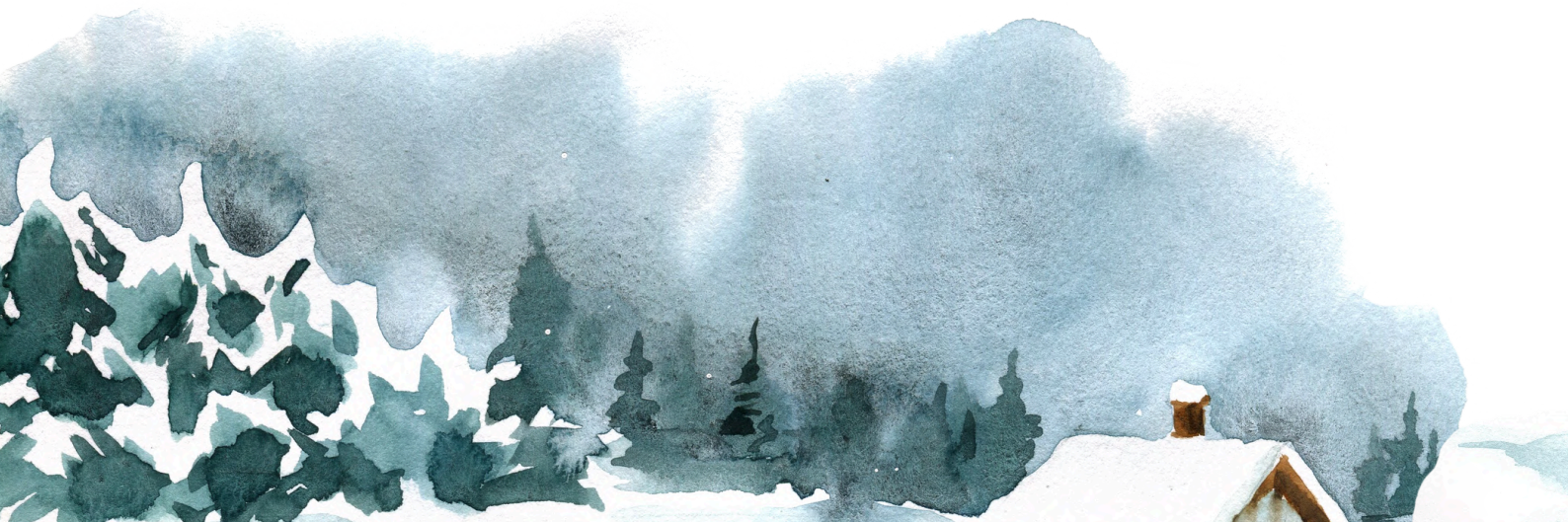
The championship was inaugurated by the patron and chief guest of the event honorable Director of IIT Bhubaneswar Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar. His active participation in games (badminton and carrom) inspired the participants to bring out their best.

Four sports- Badminton, Table Tennis, Chess, and Carrom were featured in the championship, drawing enthusiastic participation from 64 female students, research scholars, staff, faculty members and residents. The matches were conducted in a knockout format, ensuring thrilling encounters and fair competition.

Over the span of three days, the SAC witnessed a remarkable display of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Each game reflected the growing passion and active participation of women in sports across the campus. From intense rallies in badminton and table tennis to the strategic battles of chess and carrom, every event brought forth moments of excitement and camaraderie. The final day concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, where winners and runners-up from each four events were felicitated by the patron and chief guest honorable Director of IIT Bhubaneswar Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, with gold, silver and bronze (both semifinalists) medals. In addition to individual trophies for the winner for each four games, a trophy for “Woman of the Championship” was awarded to the best performer for the championship.



The event stood as a testament to the empowerment and unity of women at IIT Bhubaneswar. It provided a much-needed platform for female members of the community to connect through fitness, competition, and mutual encouragement. It was a resounding success, reflecting the shared vision of WWC and Gymkhana in promoting women's participation in sports and wellness activities.



Annual Day of Vatsalya

The Annual Function of Crèche Vatsalya was held on 14th November 2024. The programme commenced with a warm opening address by Dr. Aparna Pandey, Ms. Shruti, Shri Gajendra Behera, and Shri Bibek Kedia, setting an inviting tone for the celebration. The event was graced by the presence of Smt. Shruti Karmalkar, Advisor, IIT Bhubaneswar Residential Clubs; Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar; and Dr. Himanshu Sekhar Sahoo, Pediatric Specialist, SUM Ultimate Hospital, whose encouraging words added significance to the occasion.

A major highlight of the programme was the safety briefing by Dr. Himanshu Sekhar Sahoo, who shared valuable insights on child safety, health, and overall well-being, offering practical guidance to parents and guardians.





The cultural segment featured a captivating Odissi dance performance by a student, enthraling the audience with its elegance and traditional charm. The children added colour and cheer to the event through a vibrant fancy dress competition, appearing as carrot, chilli, pomegranate, Radha-Krishna, princesses, and more—delighting everyone with their creativity and innocence.

Adding to the excitement, a delightful Teddy Show and an engaging Magic Show by Arun brought smiles to both children and parents alike, making the celebration even more memorable.

Overall, the Annual Function of Vatsalya was a heartwarming showcase of creativity, joy, and growth, reflecting the caring and nurturing environment fostered for the young learners of IIT Bhubaneswar.




State-of-the-Art Swimming Pool inaugurated



With a view to encourage the swimmers of the campus and provide them a facility to practice, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar has opened its much-awaited, state-of-the-art swimming pool in its campus on 22nd November 2025. The swimming pool was inaugurated by Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director of the Institute, in the presence of Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar; Prof. Sarat Kumar Panda, Chairman, Infrastructure and Dr. Kodandaram Mangipudi, President-Student Gymkhana.

To mark the inauguration, a Grand Splash was organized, wherein the students, faculty members, employees and residents of the campus enjoyed a 'Dive-Jump-Splash' moment. Director Prof. Karmalkar also joined them and encouraged them.

It is worth mentioning that the swimming pool at IIT Bhubaneswar is built as per international standards, with a minimum depth of 1.8 meter and a maximum depth of 5 meter. The length of the pool is 50 meter and width is 25 meter. A professional swimming instructor, along with lifeguards are deployed to ensure safe training and practice for the swimmers of the Institute

A white ceramic mug with a handle is placed on a dark wooden railing. The background is a scenic view of a mountain range with green trees and a hazy, blue sky. The text "Happy Reading!!!" is written in white on the side of the mug.

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