

IIT BHUBANESHWAR CELEBRATES 15TH FOUNDATION DAY

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar celebrated its 15th Foundation Day on 12th February 2023. Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General Metrology, Indian Metrological Department, Government of India was the Chief Guest. Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, presided over the event.

In his speech, Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General Metrology expressed his gratitude and gave best wishes to students of IIT BBS for future. He gave a detailed presentation on 'The Role of Science and Technology in Combating Climate Change.'

Prof. Karmalkar highlighted the chronological evolution of IIT Bhubaneswar from 2007 until now, and shared his plans for achieving the institution's vision of gaining global recognition for creating outstanding graduates and new knowledge.

He said that the faculty have resolved to implement research based pedagogical best practices. These include interactive classes with discussion in smaller groups, particular attention to quality of problems posed in quizzes and assignments, and giving feedback to and taking feedback from students in proper format. Further, a course is being developed to improve the research skills of the students. The course would alert the students to the differences between the research process and course based education. It will highlight the centrality of truthfulness and originality in research, and discuss how to avoid plagiarism.

IIT Bhubaneswar would play a leading role from the eastern zone of India, in the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) which aims at establishing fabrication and design centers for semiconductor devices and chips. Other plans include strengthening of the the Research and Entrepreneurship Park and the collaborations with neighbouring research and educational institutions such as AIIMS etc. High quality online educational videos for students and researchers are also planned.

Within the campus, two centres and five clubs have been started to provide platform to residents to reduce stress, express themselves, realize their potential, and support each other. These include: Day care centre – Vatsalya, Children's activity centre – Aananda, Ladies club – Feminine fusion, senior citizen's club – Vaisharadya, Health club – Niramaya, Gardening club - Avani, animal-human peaceful co-existence club – Saha-Astitva. All these are run by women, pointing to women friendly environment in the campus. Faculty forum has been revived.

Faculty honoured with Certificates of teaching excellence include Debapratim Ghosh, Olive Ray, Srinivas Pinisetty, Meenu Ramadas, Sourav Sil, Chandrasekhar Bhamidipati, Kousik Samanta, Vasudeva Rao Allu, Rajakumar Guduru, Srikant Golapudi and Chetan. Certificates were also given to non-teaching staff for their meritorious service; the recipients included Bibhuti Bhushan Sahoo, Girish Kumar Pitta, Jignyasha Behera, Akasmika Sarangi and Ratikanta Mishra.

Also present on the occasion were, Prof. P V Satyam, Dean Student Affairs, Shri Debaraj Rath, Registrar, and several faculty members, staff, students of IIT Bhubaneswar and guests of IIT Bhubaneswar.

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