

**Press Release** 

## **IIT Bhubaneswar observes Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**

**Bhubaneswar, 14<sup>th</sup>August 2023:** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar, has joined the Nation in observing Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, today, on the eve of the 77<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of India. As advised by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, the Institute organized a series of activities to mark the occasion.

This Day is being observed to remember the pains suffered by millions of our sisters and brothers during the largest displacement of human population, caused by the partition of India and Pakistan on 14<sup>th</sup>August 1947 and to pay tribute to the sufferings and sacrifices of the people due to mindless hatred and violence caused by this partition. As part of the observance, the exhibition curated jointly by Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) and Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), was displayed in the premises of IIT Bhubaneswar. The exhibition highlighted the sufferings of the partition-affected people.

Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar inaugurated the Exhibition. Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar, Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Dean (Student Affairs) and Dr. Kodanda Ram Mangipudi, Faculty Advisor (Socio Cultural) of Student Gymkhana were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the students, members of Faculty and staff of the Institute, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar said: "The purpose of studying history is not to repeat it. In this context, the purpose of this observance and the exhibition for us is to resolve not to repeat the incidents that took place during the time of partition and the agony caused thereby." Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar of the Institute also addressed the gathering and urged all to refrain from violence and the acts that would affect humanity adversely, but to create an atmosphere of oneness and social harmony.

As part of the programme, patriotic songs were played on the occasion. The programme ended with the National Anthem sang by all.