

# Teacher's Day Greetings from Director

अज्ञानतिमिरान्धस्य ज्ञानाञ्जनशलाकया ।  
चक्षुरुन्मीलितं येन तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः ॥

ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā  
chakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

*I offer obeisance unto Śrī Guru, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the cataract of ignorance, with the collyrium of knowledge.*

Dear All,

Greetings on the occasion of Teacher's Day.

Today, we are commemorating the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a great teacher, scholar, philosopher, statesman, and former President of independent India. Let us all reaffirm our responsibilities as teachers and rededicate ourselves to uphold the values he stood for.

Being a teacher, itself is a great privilege and responsibility. However, being a teacher at IIT demands a notch up in the efforts towards creating highly intellectual and technologically endowed students through continuous innovation. Our institute is not only providing education to young technologists but also has taken the initiative towards creating outstanding school teachers by the introduction of a 4-year BSc-BEd Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) from the 2023-24 Academic Year. Further, several workshops have been initiated for our faculty, and a Teacher Portfolio has been introduced to ensure the effectiveness of teaching. We have resolved to vigorously implement the National Education Policy 2020, which lays stress on the development of a research mindset, communication skills, critical thinking, and scientific temper.

Finally, on this Teacher's Day, I would like to greet all our beloved students on behalf of all the teachers of IIT Bhubaneswar. I acknowledge their unconditional respect and affection towards us and their cooperation in driving IIT Bhubaneswar towards creating a benchmark. With Best Wishes,

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