## Delegation of 45 students from Odisha depart for MNIT Jaipur under Yuva Sangam 2

**Bhubaneshwar, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023**: A delegation of 45 students from diverse higher education institutions from Odisha such as IIT Bhubaneswar have today departed for MNIT Jaipur, Rajasthan, as part of the government's ambitious cultural and educational endeavour the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Yuva Sangam' programme.

While the nodal institute of Odisha is IIT Bhubaneswar, the nodal institute of Rajasthan is MNIT Jaipur. The student's delegation was flagged off at a special ceremony jointly by the Director, IIT Bhubaneswar Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar and Padmashri awardee & sand artist Shri Sudarsan Pattnaik. The delegates will reach Jaipur on 11<sup>th</sup> May and their trip will conclude on 18<sup>th</sup> May. They are accompanied by 4 faculty members.

**During the flag off ceremony held, The Director IIT Bhubaneswar said** "A person's outlook is shaped by reading, hearing and direct experience, which has the maximum influence. In EBSB, the students directly experience the Unity in Diversity of India, increasing their pride in their motherland". The Chief Guest of the Ceremony Shri Sudarsan Pattnaik praised the initiative of EBSB under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji. He said "This exposure will build national integration and have a lasting and positive impact on the students."

The students will first reach New Delhi on 10<sup>th</sup> May and then from here will be heading to MNIT Jaipur campus on 11<sup>th</sup> May. During the visit, the students will be interacting with the Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan followed by a cultural visit to Chokhi Dhani. Their itinerary will include a visit to Sitapura, an interaction at Central Institute of Petrochemicals Technology and an exposure to Jaipur city. The students will also participate in a Block Printing/Tie & Dye (Crafts) Workshop and plantation activity on the MNIT Jaipur Campus.

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