





## 78th Independence Day celebration with commitment for New Odisha and Viksit Bharat

IIT Bhubaneswar joined the Nation in celebrating the 78th Independence Day of India with the theme of this year 'Viksit Bharat @2047'. While the state of Odisha is all set for a socio-economic revamp and India is marching ahead with its plan towards making India a developed country, IIT Bhubaneswar has reiterated its commitment to contribute towards a New Odisha and Viksit Bharat. Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director of the Institute hoisted the National Flag on the occasion.



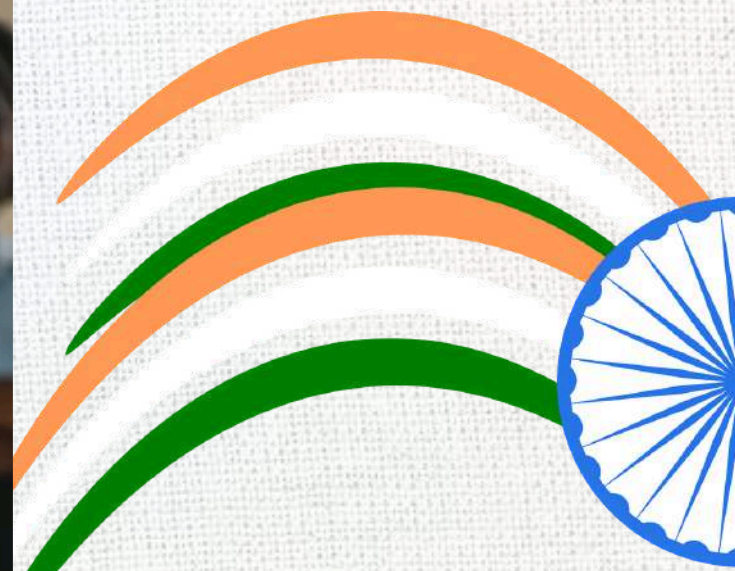
In his Independence Day Address, Prof. Karmalkar highlighted the roadmap of IIT Bhubaneswar to be a partner in the development of India through new milestones in research and innovation in line with the goals set for a Viksit Bharat by the 100th year of India's Independence. He also mentioned various actions taken so far and the plans for the implementation of National Education Policy-2020. Prof. Karmalkar also emphasized on the activities being taken up by the Institute towards the development of entrepreneurship and start-up ecosystem across the State of Odisha.



The celebration also showcased March-Past by the security unit, National Cadet Corps (NCC) and exciting performances by the students and staff of the Institute. Among others, Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Dean (Student Affairs); Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar and Dr. Srinivasa Ramanujam Kannan, Professor In-Charge, Extra-Academic Activities were notably present on the occasion.









As part of the Independence Day celebrations, Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB) and Student Gymkhana organized vibrant cultural programmes to celebrate India's 78th Independence Day in the evening. The programme showcased an array of scintillating cultural performances by the students and campus residents.





## Har Ghar Tirangha Campaign

# *Patriotism is contagious*

As part of the Independence Day celebrations, the members of the Institute also actively took part in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign from 9th to 15th August, to showcase their patriotism and respect for the tri-colour.









# Partition Horrors Remembrance Day

IIT Bhubaneswar observed the Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, on the eve of the 78th Independence Day. This Day was 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 14th 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. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Dean (Student Affairs) inaugurated the exhibition in the presence of students, faculty members and employees of the Institute.





# Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan

IIT Bhubaneswar joined the Nation in the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan. As part of the movement, pledge for a 'Drug Free India' was administered to students and members of the Institute on 12th and 15th August 2024.



## Independence Day Celebration at Kendriya Vidyalaya

Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV), IIT Bhubaneswar celebrated the 78th Independence Day with great enthusiasm. Prof. V. Pandu Ranga, Nominee Chairman VMC, KV IIT Bhubaneswar graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Prof. Sarat Kumar panda, Professor-in-Charge (Civil Works), IIT Bhubaneswar attended the programme as the Guest of Honour. The students performed cultural programme with patriotic fervour.





# IIT Bhubaneswar and KIMS organize workshop on Basic Life Support

Awareness and practice of Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) by people can provide a skilled first responder at the time of exigency. Its knowledge can make any citizen a lifesaver. To spread this awareness, Sanjeevan Health Centre of IIT Bhubaneswar, in collaboration with KAABEEL Simulation & Skill Upgradation Centre, KIMS Hospital, Bhubaneswar organized a workshop on Basic Life Support (BLS) with CPR on 10th August 2024 for the students, residents and security personnel of the Institute.



During the workshop, the participants were imparted training on the skills of providing high quality CPR to victims of cardiac arrest due to heart attack, electrocution, lightening/thunderstorm injury, fire or chemical inhalation etc. The participants were also trained in relieving choking victims. The hands-on trainings were imparted by the doctors who are the certified instructors of Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) of American Heart Association (AHA). Around 250 participants took advantage of the workshop.



Dr. Ashok Kumar Badamali, Senior Consultant Cardiac Anaesthesia, KIMS Hospital, Bhubaneswar with his Critical care team and Mr. Debasish Mohanty, DGM Marketing, KIMS conducted the workshop. From IIT Bhubaneswar, Dr. S.R. Dash, Professor-in-Charge, Healthcare, Dr. Dr. Sivaiah Bathula, NSS Coordinator and Dr. M.A. Khan, Senior Medical Officer, along with his team were present.



## Anti-Ragging Week

IIT Bhubaneswar joined the Nation in observing Anti Ragging Week from 12th to 18th August 2024. The Institute organized Quiz and Art Competitions to promote a safe campus for students. A screening of a video on anti-ragging awareness for students was also conducted during the week.





# Awareness Workshop on Menstrual Hygiene

The Research and Entrepreneurship Park (REP) team of IIT Bhubaneswar organised an awareness workshop titled 'Menstrual Health Matters' on 8th August 2024. The workshop was conducted by Ms. Anju Bist (popularly known as Padwoman of India), Managing Director of Saukhyam (<https://saukhyampads.org/>), who has been honoured by NITI Aayog with its flagship Women Transforming India Award.



During the workshop, Ms. Bist highlighted the environmental impact of disposable sanitary pads. She explained that the ultra-absorbent cellulose fiber found in these pads requires cutting down many trees, and all this fiber is imported into India. She introduced an eco-friendly alternative: reusable sanitary pads made from banana fiber. India, being the largest producer of bananas in the world, provides an abundant source of this natural material. Banana fiber is highly absorbent, capable of soaking up to six times its weight in fluid. Saukhyam's reusable pads, crafted from banana fiber, are not only environmentally sustainable but also cost-effective. These pads are easy to wash, dry quickly, and with proper care, can last for 3-4 years. Ms. Bist emphasized that washing and maintaining these pads is straightforward, and issues like staining are minimal.



The presentation underscored the importance of choosing sustainable menstrual products and the benefits of adopting reusable sanitary pads for both personal health and the environment.

About 150 students, residents, faculty and staff members attended the workshop, and participated actively in the discussion session. Dr. Siviah Bathula, NSS Coordinator and Dr. Madhusmita Dash, Theme Leader-Self-Reliance Theme, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan attended the event. Dr. Seema Bahinipati, Independent Director, REP proposed a vote of thanks.





## National Librarians' Day celebrated at Central Library

The Central Library of IIT Bhubaneswar celebrated the National Librarians' Day on 12th August 2024, commemorating the 132nd birth anniversary of Padma Shri Late. Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, the Father of Indian Library Science. The members of the Central Library, in the presence of Dr. Sasidhar Kondaraju, Chairperson (Central Library) offered floral tribute to the portrait of Late. Dr. S. R. Ranganathan on the occasion.



## Students of GD Goenka School visit Central Library

As part of an educational tour, about 80 students of GD Goenka School, Bhubaneswar visited the Central Library of IIT Bhubaneswar on 13th August 2024. The Central Library, recognized as a center of academic excellence and intellectual resources, provided the students with an enriching experience.



During the visit, the students learned about the library's history, its state-of-the-art digital resources, e-learning tools, and its extensive collection of books, journals, and research papers. Dr. Sambhunath Sahoo, Assistant Librarian, guided the students. Dr. Bibhuti Bhushan Sahoo, Deputy Librarian, also interacted with the students.





## Students visit IIT Bhubaneswar under Vigyan Jyoti Programme



50 girl students of Vigyan Jyoti and 3 teachers of PM Shri JNV, Konark, Puri visited IIT Bhubaneswar under Vigyan Jyoti programme on 16th August 2024. During the tour, they visited School of Mechanical Sciences, School of Basic Sciences and Central Library. Dr. Tarakant Nayak, Associate Professor, School of Basic Sciences coordinated the visit.

## Celebration by Aanand Kids Activity Center

The Aanand Kids Activity Center organized a celebration on 10th August 2024. Smt. Shruti Kamalkar, Advisor of the Center, graced the occasion and felicitated the outgoing coordinators – Dr. Sapna, Smt. Suhana and Dr. Sreetama – with mementoes for their outstanding work. The new coordinators – Dr. Ashna, Dr. Raghavan, Smt. Subarna, Smt. Radhika, Shri. Ashutosh and Smt. Dhanitri – were introduced on the occasion. The programme also showcased dance performance by the children.





# Fresher's Got Talent



Following the successful registration of the new batch of Ph.D., MTech., M.Sc. and B.Tech students, the Counselling Services Team (CST) organized 'Fresher's Got Talent' event for all the newly joined students on 11th August 2024. The event aimed to provide a platform for all the newcomers to showcase their talent, build bonds with each other and to make them comfortable in the campus. During the event, more than 50 new students showcased their talents, with their performances. The event highlighted the diverse skills and creativity of the freshers, making it a memorable and inspiring experience for all.



During the event, the winners of 'Treasure Hunt' were awarded prizes by Dr. Raj K. Singh, Professor-in-Charge (Counselling Services Team). Based on the newcomers' performances Mr. Fresher, Miss Fresher, Dancing Diva, Desi Girls titles were awarded to Hara Keshav, Chanshu Parte, Roshni Debaja and Shruti Gupta respectively.





वन्दे मातरम् ।

सुजलां सुफलां मलयजशीतलाम् शस्यश्यामलां मातरम् ।

शुभ्रज्योत्स्नापुलकितयामिनीं फुल्लकुसुमितद्रुमदलशोभिनीं सुहासिनीं सुमधुर भाषिणीं सुखदां वरदां मातरम् ॥

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Vandēmātaram ।

Sujalāṃ suphalāṃ malayaja śītalāṃ sasya śyāmalāṃ mātaram ।

śubhrajyōtsnā pulakitayāminīṃ pullakusumita drumadala śōbhinīṃ suhāsinīṃ sumadhura bhāṣinīṃ sukhadāṃ varadāṃ mātaram ॥

Vandēmātaram ।