

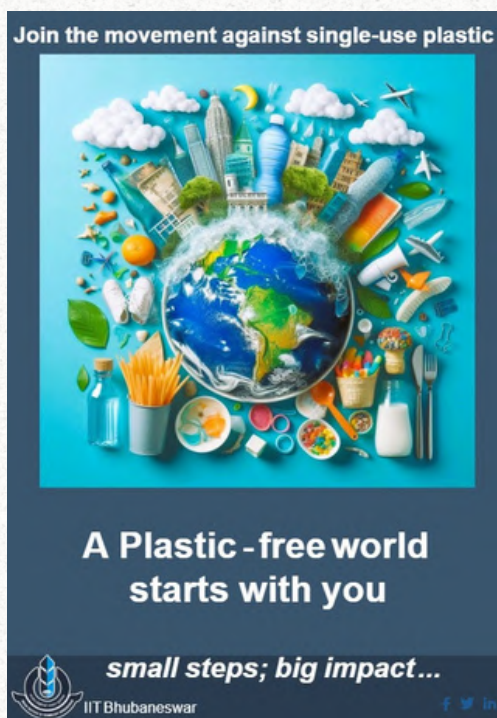


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Swachhata Hi Seva Special Campaign



IIT Bhubaneswar joined the nation in the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign and took up a series of initiatives in line with the theme of the year 'Swabhav Swachhata-Sanskaar Swachhata'. This special campaign from 17th September to 1st October 2024. As part of this campaign, IIT Bhubaneswar, reiterating its commitment towards cleanliness, organised several programmes and taken up different new initiatives.



With an objective to protect and preserve the environment for the future, IIT Bhubaneswar has initiated a campaign to stop using single-use plastic, including single-use plastic bottles in its campus. As part of the Swachha Bharat Mission, the Institute has also formed a Solid Waste Management Committee oversee the solid waste management efforts within the campus. The Committee has plans to implement Waste Segregation by Residents, Hostel and Schools across the campus premises.



Pilot Plant for conversion of wastewater to biogas



Solar powered microwave pyrolysis reactor for converting waste to value added products



Besides, the Institute organised different programmes to ensure cleanliness of the campus and its surroundings and spread awareness on Swachhata among the members of the Institute. The housekeeping staff of IIT Bhubaneswar conducted mass cleanliness drive in the campus premises during the period. They also cleaned the pond in Kansapada, an adopted village of the Institute.



The Horticulture Team of the Institute cleaned the park of Podapada Primary School, situated in another adopted village of IIT Bhubaneswar as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign.

The Institute also conducted health check-ups & distributed masks & gloves to Housekeeping Staff in SafaiMitra Suraksha Shivirs during the period to ensure the health and wellbeing of the members who are working towards the cleanliness of the campus and its surroundings.





The Institute also organised several programmes including administration of Swachhata Pledge to the members of the Institute. The students also participated in thematic painting competitions and quiz competitions as part of the awareness drive. The students and NSS volunteers of the Institute also took part in these activities with much enthusiasm.





The Institute organised a Mass Cleanliness Drive on 1st October 2024, in which Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Dean (Student Affairs), Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar and other senior faculty members and employees joined the housekeeping staff in cleaning the road in front of the Main Gate of the Institute.



The Institute felicitated 25 Housekeeping and Horticulture Staff with the SafaiMitra Award-2024 for their significant contributions to cleaning activities inside and outside the campus during the Swachhata Hi Seva - 2024 campaign. The Awards were handed over by Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti celebration at the Institute. The students and small kids of the campus were also awarded for their creativity in the Poster Competitions on Swachhata Hi Seva.



Hindi Pakhwada celebration comes to an end

Hindi Pakhwada celebration at IIT Bhubaneswar concluded on 30th September 2024. The vibrant fortnight-long celebration has left a mark and inspired the members of the Institute to use Hindi as the Official Language and promote the enriched legacy of the language.



As part of the celebration, a Hindi Kavi Sammelan 'Kavyanjali' was organised on 28th September 2024, which witnessed the magical recitation of Hindi poems by luminaries like Dr. Bishnu Saxena, Mr. Kushal Dauneria, Mr. Ganesh Vidyarthi and Ms. Manu Vaishali. Organised jointly by the Rajbhasha Ekak and Abhivyakti, the Hindi Literary Society of the Institute, the programme enthralled the audience with enchanting recitations of powerful Hindi poetic creations. The students of the Institute also performed on this occasion. Dr. Rajeev Rawat, Senior Hindi Officer, IIT Kharagpur moderated the programme.





The concluding ceremony of the Hindi Pakhwada was held on 30th September 2024. Dr. Chetan, Professor-in-Charge, Rajbhasa Ekak, IIT Bhubaneswar delivered the welcome address on this occasion. The winners of various competitions received prizes from Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director and Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar.



Dr. Sambhunath Sahoo, Assistant Librarian and Hindi Officer, IIT Bhubaneswar proposed a vote of thanks. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Hemant Kumar Yadav, Hindi Translator.



Awareness Programme on Cyber Safety and Prevention from Cyber Frauds



Considering the need to sensitise the members of the Institute on the rising cyber crimes and cyber frauds, an Awareness Programme on Cyber Safety and Prevention from Cyber Frauds was organised on 1st October 2024.

Ms. Anjana Tudu (OPS), Assistant Commissioner of Police, Cyber Crime & Economic Offence, Commissionerate of Police Bhubaneswar-Cuttack graced the occasion and spoke on Cyber Security and Responsible Use of Social Media. She was accompanied by Mr. Satyanarayan Roy Mohapatra, Cyber Security-Delivery Manager, TCS, Cyber Expert and Advisory Volunteer, who discussed on Cyber Hygiene, Prevention and Security, and Ms. Swati Das Mental Health Ally, Accenture India, Cyber Woman Volunteer, who spoke on Mental Health Awareness for students. Faculty members, students and employees of the Institute attended the programme.



Our Visitor



Prof. Stefan Horlacher, Professor of English Literature at Technical University, Dresden, Germany is on a visit to the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management, IIT Bhubaneswar for four weeks on the DAAD Bilateral Exchange of Academics, 2024 starting from 7th September to 6th October 2024. He is working with Dr. Rajakumar Guduru on the project, “Effective Teaching-Learning Practices of Inclusive Education: A Comparison between Indian and German School Models.” The purpose of this research project is to investigate and compare the effectiveness of teaching-learning models of inclusive education practiced in schools in selected districts of Odisha, India, with selected schools in Dresden/Saxony, Germany. The major goal is to comprehend how in-service teachers and pre-service teachers perceive and execute inclusive teaching methods in regular classrooms. The study is carried out over four to eight weeks by visiting schools in India and in Germany. He has been visiting government high schools and some special schools in Kurdha District.

During this visit, Prof. Stefan has delivered a guest lecture at the School of HSSM on the topic “Are You a Man or a Mouse?: Current Trends and New Approaches in Masculinity Studies”. He also interacted with the B.Tech first year students on various academic, cultural and social issues.

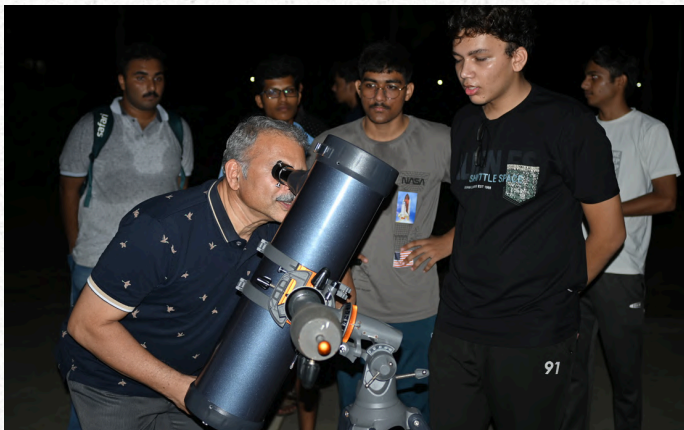


Meeting with Security Personnel



An interaction session with security guards was conducted on 28th September 2024. Dr. Sandeep Pattnaik, PIC-security, Mr. Ravinandan Kumar Vaishya (SO), Mr. Tapan Mohapatra (ASO), Mr. Abinash Baral (ASO) conducted the meeting. Total 70 security guards, supervisors and agency staff participated in this session. Various security related matters were discussed and deliberated upon and it was emphasized that the necessity for security personnel to execute strategies that ensure the diligent fulfilment of their duties while sustaining continuous vigilance and alertness in the paramount interest of the Institute and the residents of the campus.

Astrochamp 3.0



Nakshatra, the astronomy society of IIT Bhubaneswar Gymkhana's Science and Technology Council organised the annual Space Festival, AstroChamp from 27th to 29th September 2024. As part of the programme, the team conducted a Stargazing Session at the Student Activity Centre (SAC) on 28th September 2024. This session offered a unique opportunity to explore celestial objects such as planets, star clusters, and nebulae, under expert guidance.

Spiritual Discourse

A spiritual discourse by Swami Maheshatmanandaji Maharaj from Ramkrishna Mission, Bhubaneswar was organised by the Feminine Fusion (Ladies Cub) of IIT Bhubaneswar on 28th September 2024.



काशाः क्षीरनिकाशा दधिशरवर्णानि सप्तपर्णाणि ।
नवनीतनिभश्चन्द्रः शरदि च तक्रप्रभा ज्योत्स्ना ॥

Kāśāḥ kṣīra-nikāśā dadhiśara-varṇāni sapṭaparṇāni ।
Navanīta-nibhaś candraḥ śaradi ca takra-prabhā jyotsnā ॥

In śarad, the kāśa grass is like thick milk, the sapṭacchadas
are the colour of whey, the moon looks like freshly churned
butter and the moonlight resembles buttermilk.

1797 Subhāṣitāvali – attributed to Gaṇḍagopāla

