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3rd UBA Day Celebration at IIT Bhubaneswar



The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) team of IIT Bhubaneswar celebrated its 3rd UBA Day on February 8, 2025. The occasion was graced by the Director of the institute, Professor Shreepad Karmalkar, and his wife, Ms. Shruti Karmalkar, and the Registrar of the institute Mr. Bamadev Acharya. The faculty members of UBA, IITBBS- Coordinator, Dr. Seema Bahinipati; Co-coordinator Dr. Tarakanta Nayak; Theme Leaders of Education Dr. Niharika Mohapatra and Dr. Amrita Satapathy; Theme Leader of Self-Reliance and Digital Awareness, Dr. Madhusmita Dash and Theme Leader – Agriculture and Environment Team, Dr. Raj Kumar Singh, also participated in the event. Staff volunteers Dr. Nihar Ranjan Jena and Ms. Sangita Sahu also contributed to the success of the event. The presence of Swami Jitun Kumar Dhal, Director, Bhaktivedanta Institute, Bhubaneswar also attended the event.

The event commenced with the Coordinator, UBA IITBBS, Dr. Seema Bahinipati's welcome address, introducing the motto and goal of this outreach program. The celebration witnessed vibrant cultural performances by students

from nearby villages such as Podapada, Padanpur and Khudupur. Around twenty school children showcased their talent, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the state of Odisha and their respective communities in the form of speeches, dance performances and songs.

Furthermore, the children of migrant workers enthusiastically participated in the event. A beautiful song rendered by siblings Sneha and Swati Suryavanshi strengthened UBA IITBBS's outreach and inclusivity. The active participation of numerous volunteers and faculty members highlighted the collective effort towards rural development and community engagement.



Highlighting UBA IITBBS's contribution to skill development, the successful completion of the tailoring centre initiative was lauded in the event. The sewing and stitching work of the trainees of the training center at Kansapada and the contribution of trainer Ms. Rina Kumari Pattanaik of Bhumika Tailoring Centre, Jatni, were acknowledged. Ms. Pattanaik delivered an inspiring speech, expressing her gratitude to the

institute and UBA IITBBS for providing a platform for skill enhancement and self-reliance at grassroots level.

Adding to the significance of the day, the former student coordinator of UBA Mr. Akash Kumar Sahoo delivered a motivating speech, highlighting the impact of the activities carried out by UBA IITBBS and important work done during his tenure. He reflected on the initiatives undertaken, the challenges faced, and the achievements accomplished, encouraging the current volunteers to continue to strive for bringing about a positive change in rural communities.

Additionally, certificates were distributed to dedicated volunteers who actively participated in UBA initiatives for the year 2024-25. Their relentless efforts in contributing to the betterment of rural communities were recognized and appreciated.

The celebration concluded on a high note, with the insightful remarks of the Director of the Institute, Prof. Karmalkar and a vote of thanks by Co-Coordinator Dr. Tarakanta Nayak. Prof. Karmalkar reiterated the relevance of reinforcing UBA IIT Bhubaneswar's commitment to empowering villages through education, skill development, environmental awareness, and self-reliance.

