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17th Foundation Day Celebration

IIT Bhubaneswar has celebrated its 17th Foundation Day on 12th February 2025. The commemoration was to celebrate the foundation stone laying of the campus of the Institute at Argul on 12th February 2009. Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



At the outset, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar delivered the welcome address. He briefly traced the birth of the institute and the history of the campus of IIT Bhubaneswar. He outlined the future journey of the institute aligning with the objectives of Viksit Bharat @ 2047 through new initiatives in the areas of teaching-learning, research, industry-academia collaboration, entrepreneurship development, creation of outstanding school teachers and corporate social responsibility.

Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Governor Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati lauded the institute's significant progress since its establishment in 2008 and urged it to strive for global excellence. The Governor further noted that IIT Bhubaneswar's multidisciplinary curriculum and focus on industry-academia collaboration have set it apart. He stressed the importance of fostering a spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation among students, reflecting India's growing leadership in the global start-up ecosystem.

Urging students to lead with conviction, courage, and compassion, Hon'ble Governor encouraged them to pursue ambitious projects and contribute to the vision of 'Viksit Bharat' and 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. He emphasized that the institute must continue creating knowledge and building a culture of lifelong learning to prepare students for leadership roles in an evolving world. The Governor concluded his speech with an inspiring message: "Let us create knowledge that will inform and transform the world and prepare students as technically grounded leaders who will change the world." He motivated students and faculty to pursue ambitious goals, ensuring IIT Bhubaneswar evolves into a globally renowned institute of excellence.



Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Dean (Student Affairs) proposed a vote of thanks. Prof. Mihir Pandit, dean (Faculty Affairs) and Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar of the Institute were also present on the occasion.





During the occasion, Hon'ble Governor visited the Research & Entrepreneurship Park, Silicon Carbide Research and Innovation Center (SiCRIC), and key Research & Development facilities in the school of Electrical and Computer Sciences, namely - Microfabrication and Characterization Lab, Renewable Energy Systems, Virtual and Augmented Reality Center of Excellence (VARCoE) and Systems on Chip laboratory. He promised to come back and visit the facilities of other schools at a later date.

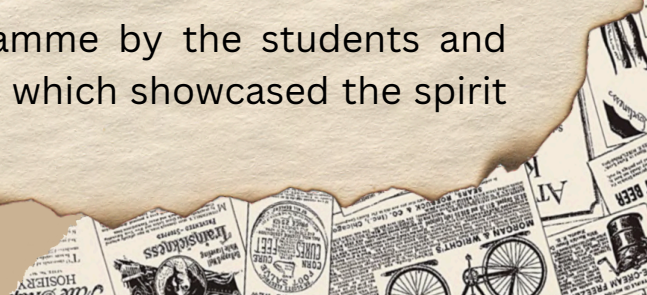




Also, during celebration, the first edition of its annual cultural and technopreneurship fest, "Pravaah," with the theme "Solistra Novarion," symbolizing innovation and transformation was launched on this occasion.



In the evening, a grand cultural programme by the students and members of the institute was organized, which showcased the spirit of enthusiasm and vigour.



Canara Bank donates Electric Vehicles to IIT Bhubaneswar

On the occasion of the 17th Foundation Day celebration of the Institute, the service of two 8-seater electric vehicles was formally inaugurated, which were donated to the Institute by Canara Bank as part of their CSR initiative, in collaboration with the CSR Cell at IIT Bhubaneswar. The inauguration was done by Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director of the Institute and Shri Jagdish Chander, Circle Head and General Manager of Canara Bank in presence of Dr. Naresh Chandra Sahu, Professor-in-Charge, CSR Cell, faculty members, staff of IIT Bhubaneswar and the officials of Canara Bank. The introduction of these electric vehicles aligns with the institute's commitment to sustainability and eco-friendly campus initiatives, enhancing mobility within the campus while promoting green transportation solutions.



IITBBS REP and IIMC Dhenkanal sign MoU



With the aim of enhancing capacity building in the fields of innovation and entrepreneurship, an MoU has been signed between the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) Dhenkanal and the 'Research and Entrepreneurship Park' of IIT Bhubaneswar on 4th February 2025. The agreement states that the two institutions will work in partnership in the fields of media, technology research and entrepreneurship.

The MoU was exchanged between Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar and Prof. Anand Pradhan, Regional Director, IIMC Dhenkanal. The MoU was signed by Dr. Soobhankar Pati, Chief Executive Officer, Research and Entrepreneurship Park, IIT Bhubaneswar and Prof. Pradhan, IIMC Dhenkanal, in the presence of academicians and researchers.

AMSE-2025 at IIT Bhubaneswar

IN-YAS East Zone and IIT Bhubaneswar jointly organized a one-day symposium on Advances in Materials Science and Engineering (AMSE-2025), on 7th February, 2025 to bring together leading scientists, researchers, and young scholars.



Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar (Director, IIT Bhubaneswar), Prof. Karuna Kar Nanda (Director-Institute of Physics Bhubaneswar), and Prof. Puru Jena (Distinguished Professor and Director-Institute for Sustainable Energy and Environment, Virginia Commonwealth University) set the tone with insightful discussions on science communication, nanoscale research, and research ethics.

The diverse sessions, chaired by esteemed faculty, provided a platform for discussions on pioneering research and emerging innovations. Renowned scientists from IIT Bhubaneswar, IISER Berhampur, NISER, IMMT, and CRRI shared breakthroughs in research. Sessions were attended by more than 120 participants across Odisha. Attendees were from IIT BBS, NISER, CSIR-IMMT, IISER Berhampore, NIT Rourkela, CRRI Cuttack, Centurion University, C.V. Raman Global University, Sikhsha O Anusandhan University etc.



To boost the public speaking confidence of young researchers, talks were arranged, which witnessed participation of 11 research scholars. The event concluded with an award ceremony recognizing outstanding scholar talks.



3rd UBA Day Celebration



The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) team of IIT Bhubaneswar celebrated its 3rd UBA Day on 8th February 2025. The occasion was graced by the Director of the institute, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, his wife Smt. Shruti Karmalkar, and Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar of the institute. 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. Among other volunteers, Dr. Nihar Ranjan Panda and Ms. Sangita Sahu also participated in the event. Swami Jitun Kumar Dhal, Director, Bhaktivedanta Institute, Bhubaneswar also attended the event.



The event commenced with the welcome address by Dr. Seema Bahinipati, Coordinator, UBA IITBBS. She, introduced the motto and goal of this outreach programme. The celebration witnessed vibrant cultural performances by students. from nearby villages such as Podapada, Padanpur and Khudupur. Around 20 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. 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'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.

Former student coordinator of UBA Mr. Akash Kumar Sahoo also spoke on the occasion, highlighting the impact of the activities carried out by UBA IITBBS and important work done during his tenure.

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. Prof. Karmalkar reiterated the relevance of reinforcing UBA IIT Bhubaneswar's commitment to empowering villages through education, skill development, environmental awareness, and self-reliance. Co-Coordinator Dr. Tarakanta Nayak proposed a vote of thanks.



LitSpree 5.0

LitSpree 5.0, the Annual Literary and Quizzing Festival of IIT Bhubaneswar, took place from 31st January to 2nd February 2025, bringing together literary enthusiasts and quiz aficionados for three days of intellectual excitement and creative expression. This vibrant event was a collaborative effort between the English Literary Society (Panacea), the Hindi Literary Society (Abhivyakti), and the Quiz Society (Quizsoc).



The festival kicked off with Litsomania, a collection of entertaining informal games that offered participants the chance to win delightful prizes such as chocolates and treats. Book lovers were treated to a two-day book fair, providing an opportunity to explore and acquire new literary treasures.

LitSpree featured a diverse array of events catering to various interests and skills:

- Engaging debates on thought-provoking topics
- Challenging quizzes that tested participants' knowledge across multiple subjects
- Writing competitions showcasing creative talent
- Impromptu battles that put quick thinking and wit to the test
- Kavyapath celebrating the beauty of language and verse



The festival's inclusive nature was evident as it welcomed participants from other institutes, fostering a spirit of friendly competition and cultural exchange.

Annual Programme of Club Parampara


Parampara hosted its Annual Cultural Programme on 8th February 2025, showcasing a mesmerizing blend of classical music, dance, and performing arts. The event featured enthralling performances including classical vocal music, instrumental renditions on violin, flute, guitar, tabla, and sarod, highlighting the rich heritage of Indian classical arts.



The audience was also enthralled with an elegant Odissi dance performance, celebrating the beauty of traditional Indian dance forms. Additionally, a demonstration of self-defense techniques added a unique and empowering element to the event.



The programme was graced by Smt. Shruti Karmalkar as the Chief Guest. She encouraged the performers with her words of appreciation.



Life is a journey, a path that we tread,
With ups and downs, twists and turns ahead.
We laugh and we love, we play and we learn,
With friends by our side, life's a great turn.