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Utkal Divas Celebration

IIT Bhubaneswar has celebrated Utkal Divas in a grand manner. Chief Guest Prof. Basanta Kumar Panda, Project Director, Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Odia, Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India graced the occasion, in the presence of Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar and Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar of the Institute.



Prof. Karmalkar delivered his entire speech in Odia even if his mother tongue is not Odia. He described his experience in Odisha during more than two years of his stay in Odisha. He said : “IIT Bhubaneswar is committed and working consistently towards nurturing future leaders who will contribute to the nation’s progress with knowledge and integrity.

In his address to the gathering, Chief Guest Prof. Panda said: Mother-tongue based Multilingual Education is going to be introduced in the education system of the country as per the National Education Policy. Multilingualism is an important tool for language education in particular, and education in general.” He stressed on the importance of mother language in the development of a society. He highlighted the historical evolution of Odia language. He also spoke in detail about the struggle of Odisha to achieve statehood on the basis of language.



Speaking on the occasion, Registrar Shri Bamadev Acharya cherished the rich legacy and heritage of the land of Odisha. He remembered the role of great leaders in establishing Odisha as an independent state based on language in order to achieve political, social and cultural excellence of the State.



At the outset, Dr. Remya Neelancherry, Coordinator, Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) delivered the welcome address. The programme was coordinated by the EBSB Team of IIT Bhubaneswar.



A vibrant cultural programme by the members of the Institute showcased the spirit of the occasion and enthralled the audience.





To mark the occasion earlier in the day, the Central Library of the Institute organised a special book display celebrating the enchanting excellence of the land of Odisha and its rich cultural heritage for the members of the Institute. This was graced by Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar. The book display delving into various facets of Odisha's heritage, including its history, art, culture, language, and literature was continued till 3rd April 2025.



Utkal Divas Exhibition



Showcasing Odisha's Art & Culture

as a part of the Utkal Diwas celebration, the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) of IIT Bhubaneswar organized a vibrant exhibition and cultural event at the Community Centre, highlighting Odisha's rich heritage, art, and traditions on 29th March 2025. The event featured traditional music, handicrafts, authentic Odia cuisine, and artistic displays, attended by dignitaries, faculty, students, and villagers from five adopted communities. The Director, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, accompanied by Mrs. Shruti Karmalkar, graced the occasion. Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar, joined the concluding ceremony of the programme. Dr. Seema Bahinipati (Coordinator, UBA), Dr. Tarakanta Nayak (Co-coordinator, UBA), and Dr. Raj Kumar Singh (Faculty Theme Leader, Agriculture and Environment Team) coordinated the event.





A major highlight was the exhibition-cum-sale with 20 stalls showcasing heritage crafts like Pattachitra paintings, silver filigree jewellery, and eco-friendly products. Traditional Odia delicacies and sustainable goods further enriched the experience, fostering deep engagement between artisans and attendees. The celebration successfully honoured Odisha's identity and craftsmanship, making it a memorable and culturally significant occasion.




Dr. Hemant Kumar wins Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam HPC Award

As a remarkable achievement, Dr. Hemant Kumar, Assistant Professor, School of Basic Sciences has recently received the prestigious Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam High Performance Computing Award for the year 2025. This award recognizes outstanding contributions in the field of High-Performance Computing (HPC) in India under various categories. He has been conferred with the award under the category of Young Researcher–R&D in HPC Applications for his contributions to computational materials science and the innovative use of high-performance computing to accelerate the discovery and design of advanced materials for energy storage.



Ugadi & Gudi Padwa Celebration





Bachpan Ka Rangmanch: A Day of Joy and Laughter for Children

On 23rd March 2025, the Community Center at IIT Bhubaneswar came alive with laughter and joy as Souls for Solace, the institute's social welfare society, in collaboration with Pravaah, the Annual Cultural and Technopreneurship Fest of IIT Bhubaneswar, hosted Bachpan Ka Rangmanch. The event was dedicated to bringing happiness to children from local orphanages, offering them a day filled with fun, creativity, and entertainment.

The day was packed with engaging activities designed to spark joy and imagination among the children. From interactive games to creative performances, the atmosphere was electric with enthusiasm. A highlight of the event was a mesmerizing magic show, which left the young audience in awe, adding an extra layer of wonder to the celebration.

Through Bachpan Ka Rangmanch, IIT Bhubaneswar reaffirmed its commitment to social responsibility, spreading smiles and creating cherished memories for the children. The event not only provided a platform for the kids to express themselves but also served as a reminder of the power of compassion and community.



सं गच्छध्वं सं वदध्वं सं वो मनांसि जानताम् ।
देवा भागं यथा पूर्वे संजानाना उपासन्ते ॥

Sam gacchadhvam sam vadadhvam sam vo
manāmsi jānatām ।
devā bhāgaṁ yathā pūrve saṁjānānā upāsate ॥

May we march forward with a common goal. May we be
open-minded and work together in harmony. May we
share our thoughts for integrated wisdom. May we
follow the example of our ancestors who achieved
higher goals by virtue of being united.

Rigveda (10.191.2)

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