



Press Release

IIT Bhubaneswar celebrates 79th Independence Day with commitment for Naya Bharat

Bhubaneswar, 17th August 2025: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar has joined the Nation in celebrating the 79th Independence Day of India with the theme of this year 'Naya Bharat'. Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director of the Institute, hoisted the National Flag on the occasion.

In his Independence Day Address, Prof. Karmalkar highlighted that in 21st Century, Independence means self-reliance while collaborating with the world to build a future of progress and peace, digital and technological sovereignty, and liberty with responsibility. "At IIT Bhubaneswar, the vision of *Naya Bharat* is being realised through the implementation of NEP-2020, the establishment of industry-academia collaborations epitomized at present by a Silicon-Carbide Research and Innovation Center, and collaborations with Govt. of Odisha on projects related to blue economy," he mentioned.

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

As part of the Independence Day celebrations, Student Gymkhana organized vibrant cultural programmes to celebrate India's 79th Independence Day in the evening. The programme showcased an array of scintillating cultural performances by the students and campus residents.

As part of the Independence Day celebrations, the members of the Institute also actively took part in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign during 2nd to 15th August 2025, to showcase their patriotism and respect for the tri-colour. The Institute has also joined the Nation in the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan. As part of the movement, pledge for a 'Drug Free India' was administered to students and members of the Institute on 12th August 2025 and 15th August 2025.

Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV), IIT Bhubaneswar also celebrated the 79th Independence Day with great enthusiasm.
