



Press Release

Global South Young Diplomats Visit IIT Bhubaneswar to Explore Innovation, Research, and Collaboration

Bhubaneswar, 13th September 2025: A delegation of 39 young diplomats from 39 different countries, participating in the 3rd Special Course for the Global South Young Diplomats Forum (GSYDF) visited IIT Bhubaneswar today as part of their academic and cultural immersion in India. The visit highlighted India's commitment to strengthening the voice of the Global South through knowledge sharing, collaboration, and people-to-people engagement.

The flagship programme, organized by the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS) from 8–19 September 2025, was launched in 2023 following the Voice of the Global South Summit convened by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. This year's edition brings together young diplomats from across developing nations to build synergies on global priorities and challenges.

At IIT Bhubaneswar, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director of the Institute, delivered a welcome address and presentation introducing the Institute's vision, academic ecosystem, and research strengths. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Karmalkar said: "We are privileged to host the young diplomats of the Global South at our campus. IIT Bhubaneswar is committed to advancing knowledge and innovation that address not only India's needs but also global challenges. We look forward to exploring opportunities for academic and research collaborations with the countries represented here today."

The visit provided the diplomats with an opportunity to engage in lively interaction with the Director and faculty members to explore the existing academic and international research collaborations. The discussions also showcased IIT Bhubaneswar's growing leadership in science, technology, and sustainable solutions. The delegation then explored some of the Institute's cutting-edge facilities, including the Silicon Carbide Research & Incubation Centre; Research and Entrepreneurship Park; Robotics Laboratory and Active Collaborative Learning Classrooms. These visits showcased IIT Bhubaneswar's commitment to advancing technology-driven innovation, entrepreneurship, and experiential learning.

On behalf of SSIFS, Shri Raj Kumar Srivastava, Dean; Dr. Amrita Banerjee, Deputy Secretary and Dr. Sama Haq, Faculty accompanied the delegates. The programme was coordinated by Prof. Ashis Biswas, Dean (Alumni, Corporate and International Relations) and Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar of the Institute. Senior faculty members and officers were present on the occasion.
