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Press Release

**IIT Bhubaneswar Observes Vigilance Awareness Week 2025**

**“Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility” highlighted through awareness initiatives and expert talk**

**Bhubaneswar, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025:** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar is observing Vigilance Awareness Week from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025, which will end on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025, aligning with the nationwide campaign to promote transparency, ethical practices, and heightened consciousness against corruption. The theme of this year’s observance is “Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility”.

The observance began with the Integrity Pledge undertaken by the faculty, staff, and students of the Institute, reaffirming their commitment to uphold honesty, accountability, and probity in public life.

As part of the week-long programme, a special lecture titled “*Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility*” was delivered by Shri Sunil Kumar Bansal, Former Director General of Police, Odisha. He emphasized that vigilance is rooted in integrity and the courage to stand by one’s ideals. “Vigilance is not merely a legal framework; it is fundamentally a commitment to honesty and steadfastness in public life,” he noted. Highlighting human vulnerability to temptation, he stressed the need for systems that reduce avoidable opportunities for corruption. Discussing the broader societal impact, Shri Bansal outlined how lack of integrity affects areas ranging from public health and road safety to foreign investment and national economy, with corruption accounting for a significant loss to GDP. He also drew attention to the varying degrees of responsibility, stating that while vigilance is shared, decision-makers carry a greater ethical obligation in upholding integrity.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, highlighted the Institute’s commitment to fostering a transparent and responsible ecosystem. He underscored that building a culture of ethical governance is not only essential for organizational excellence but also for nation-building.

The programme was coordinated by Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar, IIT Bhubaneswar. Around 150 faculty, officers and staff attended the programme and participated in the interaction.

Throughout the week, the Institute engaged its community through awareness campaigns and discussions spotlighting accountability, ethical decision-making, and the role of individuals in strengthening the national fight against corruption.

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