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Press Release

## IIT Bhubaneswar joins the Nation in celebrating the 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day

**Bhubaneswar, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026:** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar has joined the Nation in celebrating the 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day with patriotic fervour, aligned with the national theme of the year: Swatantrata ka Mantra: Vande Mataram and Samriddhi ka Mantra: Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar unfurled the National Flag on the occasion.

In his address, Prof. Karmalkar emphasised that “*developing the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform*” and “*striving towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity*” are duties of citizens enshrined in Article 51A of Part IV A of India’s constitution. As an institution of national importance, IIT Bhubaneswar is committed to translating these Duties into education, research and innovation aligned with *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* and the long-term goal of *Viksit Bharat 2047*. He called upon the Institute community to transform freedom into responsibility and knowledge into nation-building.

The celebrations also included an impressive march past by the Institute’s security unit, the National Cadet Corps (NCC), and the Inter-IIT Students’ Sports contingent, followed by vibrant cultural performances by students. On the occasion, security personnel were honoured for their exemplary performance and dedication. NCC cadets, who participated in various national-level camps and expeditions, were felicitated, along with members of the staff contingent who secured prizes at the Inter-IIT Sports Meet. Dr. Rajendra Prasad Singh, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Bhubaneswar and Dr. Prasanta Kumar Swain, Member, Board of Governors, IIT Bhubaneswar graced the occasion. Among others, Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Dean (Student Affairs); Shri Bama Dev Acharya, Registrar; Dr. Sandeep Pattnaik, Professor-in-Charge (Security); Dr. Kodanda Ram Mangipudi, President (Student’s Gymkhana); Dr. Shantanu Patra, Professor In-Charge, Extra-Academic Activities, senior members of faculty and senior officers of the Institute were present on the occasion.

The celebration in the morning also included cultural performances by the students and residents of the Institute, followed by an exciting demonstration of firefighting by the Security Unit. A vibrant cultural programme by the students was also organised in the evening to mark the Republic Day celebrations.

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