



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

IIT Bhubaneswar 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 Bamadev 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.





## 77<sup>th</sup> Republic day Celebrations at Vatsalya



The 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated at Vatsalya, the Creche of IIT Bhubaneswar with great joy and happiness by our little children.

# Talk on 'Inside the Semiconductor Industry: Insights from a Tech Leader'

The Career Development Cell (CDC), IIT Bhubaneswar, in association with the Institute Seminar Team, had the privilege of hosting Mr. P. Raja Manickam—Founder of IVP Semiconductor, former CEO of Tata Electronics, and Founder of Tessolve, PTC, and AJK Nexsemi—for an illuminating session on the future of the semiconductor industry.



Sharing a global industry perspective, he highlighted why the semiconductor industry needs India as much as India needs semiconductors, pointing to India's rapidly growing market, clean-slate opportunity, and the urgent need to build a complete ecosystem spanning design, manufacturing, packaging, skilling, and startups. Beyond technology, the session underscored the role of Indian innovation in creating practical, scalable solutions for real-world challenges, encouraging students to think beyond employment and towards entrepreneurship and leadership in deep-tech.

The interactive Q&A that followed reflected strong student engagement and curiosity about shaping India's semiconductor future.

Dr. Akshay K., Assistant Professor, School of Electrical and Computer Sciences delivered the welcome address and introduced the guest.

Prof. P.V. Satyam felicitated the speaker.

Dr. Srikant Gollapudi, Professor-in-Charge (Career Development Cell) and Rabi Kumar Patnaik, Career Development & Placement Officer coordinated the programme.



# Constitution of India Podium Inaugurated



The Central Library, IIT Bhubaneswar, successfully inaugurated the Constitution of India Podium on the occasion of the 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day, marking a meaningful step towards promoting constitutional awareness on campus.

The Podium was formally inaugurated by Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, in the presence of Prof. Chandrashekhar N. Bhende, Dean (PG & Research Programs); Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar; Prof. Brahma Deo, Academic Coordinator, SMMME; Dr. Sasidhar Kondaraju, Chairperson, Central Library. Faculty members, staff, students, and library officials were present during the inauguration.

This initiative reflects the Institute's commitment to nurturing responsible citizenship and constitutional values among the campus community.

# Vatsalya Saraswati Puja Celebrations



- Saraswati Puja was celebrated on 23rd January at Vatsalya, IIT, with joy and devotion by our tiny tots. The little children offered prayers, flowers, and smiles to Goddess Saraswati.

# IIT Bhubaneswar Pays Tribute on Martyrs' Day

IIT Bhubaneswar solemnly observed Martyrs' Day on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in memory of freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for India's freedom. The Institute paid heartfelt tribute to the martyrs with deep respect and gratitude.

On this occasion, Director Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar emphasized that the lives and sacrifices of the freedom fighters continue to inspire us to follow their path of courage, dedication, and service to the nation. He urged everyone to remember their contributions and uphold the values they stood for.



Registrar Shri Bamadev Acharya, along with faculty members, officers, staff, and students, was present during the observance. The gathering observed two minutes of silence in honour of the brave souls who fought for the nation.

Floral tributes were offered by attendees, and the program concluded with a group photograph, honouring the spirit of remembrance and unity.



# Spreading love across generations at IIT Vatsalya

Grandparents and Parents Day was joyfully celebrated at IIT Vatsalya with warmth, love, and togetherness. The day was filled with affection, cheerful smiles, and beautiful bonding moments between children and their parents and grandparents.



Fun games and engaging activities were organized, creating laughter and excitement all around. Families actively participated and truly enjoyed spending quality time with the little ones.



The celebration highlighted the importance of family support, care, and emotional connection in a child's growth. It was a heartwarming day full of memories, happiness, and shared joy.



# The Annual Sports Meet for Campus Ladies



The Annual Sports Meet for campus ladies, organized by Feminine Fusion (Ladies Club of IIT Bhubaneswar), was held on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2026. The event saw enthusiastic participation from residents in both indoor and outdoor games.

The programme commenced with the symbolic lighting of the lamp. The Chief Guest, Mrs. Shruti Karmalkar, and Guest of Honour, Dr. Kodanda Mangipuri, President, Student's Gymkhana, graced the occasion. Dr. Kajari Chatterjee, President of the ladies club, briefed the audience on the rules and regulations of the games.

The event was anchored by Mrs. Brahannayaki Sekkar, Treasurer of the Club. The meet concluded with the distribution of prizes to the winners. Mrs. Sangita Sahu, Secretary of the Club, expressed gratitude to all participants and guests with a heartfelt vote of thanks.

The event was a testament to the spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship among the campus ladies.



वन्दे मातरम्!  
सुजलां सुफलां मलयजशीतलाम्,  
शस्यश्यामलां मातरम्।  
वन्दे मातरम्!

Vande Mātaram!  
Sujalām suphalām malayaja-śītalām,  
Śasya-śyāmalām Mātaram!  
Vande Mātaram!

