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IIT Bhubaneswar enters into agreement with Skill Development Institute Bhubaneswar to Strengthen Industry-Oriented Skill Development

Bhubaneswar, 19th March 2026: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Skill Development Institute Bhubaneswar (SDIB) to foster collaboration in skill development, technical education, and industry-aligned training. The MoU was exchanged between Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, and Shri Ranjan Bhowmick, CEO, SDIB, on 19th March 2026. From IIT Bhubaneswar, Prof. Dinakar Pasla, Dean (Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy); Prof. V. Pandu Ranga, Dean (Continuing Education), and from SDIB, Shri Rajesh Tripathy, COO, and Shri Nihar Ranjan Das, DGM (Training) were present on the occasion.

The partnership aims to leverage the academic expertise of IIT Bhubaneswar and the industry-oriented training ecosystem of SDIB to enhance employability and create a skilled workforce aligned with national priorities under the Skill India Mission.

Speaking on this occasion, Prof. Karmalkar said: "Under this MoU, IIT Bhubaneswar will extend academic and technical support to SDIB in multiple areas, including curriculum design, trainer development, knowledge sharing, and the establishment of state-of-the-art laboratories and training infrastructure. This collaboration is in line with the National Education Policy-2020 and will focus on promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, and best practices in skill development."

In his remark, Shri Bhowmick stated: "A significant aspect of this partnership is its focus on empowering unemployed, under-employed, and underprivileged youth by equipping them with industry-relevant technical skills. SDIB, a mega multi-skill development institute promoted by leading oil PSUs under the aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India, aims to train over 50,000 youth over the next decade through its advanced training facilities. This collaboration will be implemented through jointly agreed mechanisms and committees, ensuring effective knowledge exchange and capacity building between the two institutions."

The MoU also provides opportunities for IIT Bhubaneswar students to undertake internships and engage in hands-on learning, including prototype development and practical exposure to industry-relevant challenges.

This strategic partnership marks a significant step towards bridging academia and industry, reinforcing IIT Bhubaneswar's commitment to contributing to national skill development and fostering a future-ready workforce.
