



Press Release

IIT Bhubaneswar and CSIR-CBRI Sign MoU to Strengthen Research and Academic Collaboration

Bhubaneswar, 16th June 2026: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the CSIR–Central Building Research Institute (CSIR-CBRI), Roorkee, to foster collaborative research, academic exchange, and innovation in the areas of building science, civil engineering, sustainable infrastructure, and allied disciplines. The MoU was signed by Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar and Prof. R. Pradeep Kumar, Director, CSIR-CBRI on 15th June 2026, in the presence of Prof. V. Pandu Ranga, Dean-in-Charge (Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy); Prof. Sumanta Halder, Head, School of Infrastructure; Dr. D. P. Kanungo, Head, Geotechnical Engineering & GeoHazards Group, CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee, Dr. S. K. Panigrahi, Head, Technology & Business Development Group, CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee and Dr. Kishor Kulkarni, Scientist E, CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee.

The partnership aims to leverage the expertise and resources of both institutions to advance research and develop skilled manpower in fields such as structural engineering, geotechnical engineering, engineering geology, architecture and planning, environmental engineering, disaster mitigation, and sustainable construction technologies. Under the MoU, IIT Bhubaneswar and CSIR-CBRI will undertake joint research activities, organize conferences and seminars, facilitate student and faculty internships, and promote collaborative guidance of student projects and research work. The agreement will also enable the sharing of research facilities, laboratory infrastructure, software resources, and library services to strengthen academic and research engagement.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, said that the collaboration would create new opportunities for students, researchers, and faculty members to work on nationally relevant challenges and contribute to the development of resilient and sustainable infrastructure.

Prof. R. Pradeep Kumar, Director, CSIR-CBRI, noted that the partnership would combine the strengths of both institutions to promote high-quality research and innovation in building science and technology.

CSIR-CBRI, a premier national laboratory under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), has been at the forefront of research in building materials, housing, structural engineering, energy-efficient buildings, fire safety, and disaster mitigation. IIT Bhubaneswar, an Institute of National Importance, is recognized for its excellence in education, research, and technological innovation.

The MoU will be effective for an initial period of five years and is expected to pave the way for long-term collaboration in research, innovation, and capacity building for the infrastructure sector.
