

80th Independence Day Celebrations with commitment for Viksit Bharat

IIT Bhubaneswar joined the Nation in celebrating the 80th Independence Day of India with the themes of this year- '150 years of Vande Mataram' and 'Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat@2047'. Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director of the Institute, hoisted the National Flag on the occasion.



In his Independence Day Address, Prof. Karmalkar said: "Today the spirit of Vande Mataram calls upon us to embrace a new form of national service. For IIT Bhubaneswar, this means empowering our youth to transform knowledge into innovation and innovation into solutions for real-world challenges. We propose to establish a Centre for Teaching-Learning and Communication, which will implement research-based teaching practices to enhance learning, and develop communication skills to enhance employability, entrepreneurship and leadership capabilities.

A Centre for Mineral Processing is also proposed to bring together fundamental research, engineering and industry to promote better utilisation of Odisha's mineral resources. The Center for Techno-Economic Research in Agriculture and Rural Sectors (C-TERARS) conducts R&D to boost crop productivity, shelf life of agri products, and farmers' income. Measures including unique sustainable waste management and 1 MWp rooftop solar PV system have earned our Institute a spot among the Top 10 institutions in the National Green University Ranking (NGUR) 2026.







The evening of the Independence Day was beautifully brought to life by the Socio-Cultural Wing of the Students' Gymkhana, with each society adding its own colour and meaning to the celebration. Aaroh, the Music Society, touched the audience with a soulful rendition, making it one of the memorable moments of the evening. Panacea encouraged everyone to reflect on what independence truly means, going beyond celebration to explore the deeper meaning of freedom. D Groovers brought energy and vibrancy to the stage with their lively dance performance, while Abhiyakti and Fourth Wall impressed the audience with their creativity and expression. Together, the performances made the evening not just entertaining, but also thoughtful, meaningful, and memorable. Some of the pictures are attached.



Cycling Proficiency Workshop

Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, said in his independence speech: "True national independence remains incomplete without individual self empowerment, and it begins by mastering essential daily life skills." In this spirit, the institute introduced a meaningful annual tradition: a cycling workshop on every Independence Day. Cycling is far more than an eco-friendly mode of transport or a simple recreational activity. This grassroots initiative builds undeniable personal confidence and ensures that everyone possesses the absolute freedom to move independently.

The Women Welfare Committee (WWC) of IIT Bhubaneswar successfully conducted the Cycling Proficiency Workshop at the Hockey Grounds, with active support from the faculty advisors who motivated their advisees to attend the workshop. Due to this concerted effort, a total of 27 students participated in this workshop. The students displayed sincere interest and enthusiasm throughout the session. The workshop was conducted as a practical, hands-on learning programme, allowing participants to practise cycling under guidance and develop greater confidence in handling the bicycle.



The workshop attracted significant attention as a unique measure and was reported in press (<https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/news/story/independence-day-2026-iits-nit-iiit-school-college-campus-celebrations-painting-dance-cycling-2970272-2026-08-14>) while describing celebrations across higher educational institutions.



80th Independence Day Celebrations at Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Bhubaneswar



Kendriya Vidyalaya IIT Bhubaneswar proudly celebrated the 80th Independence Day with great enthusiasm, dignity, and a spirit of unity. The celebration was graced by the esteemed Chief Guest, Prof. Shyamal Chatterji, Dean of Continuing Education, IIT Bhubaneswar. Prof. Chatterjee hoisted the national flag and motivated the children to contribute positively to the progress of the Nation. Principal KV IIT Bhubaneswar Shri Chakradhara Prusty, applauded the efforts of the school in nurturing young minds and emphasised the importance of dedication and discipline, and inspired students to become responsible citizens.

The programme was also honoured by the gracious presence of Dr. Antaryami Tripathy, VMC Members along with the parents, teachers and staff members.

The event showcased a series of patriotic cultural programmes performed by the school children." The entire programme ended with a vote of thanks.



World Entrepreneurs' Day celebrated with Lessons on Perseverance, Risk and Purpose



On the eve of World Entrepreneurs' Day 2026, the Research and Entrepreneurship Park (REP) of IIT Bhubaneswar, hosted an engaging interaction with Shri Madan Mohan Mohanka, Chairman, Tega Industries Limited, bringing together entrepreneurial insights, leadership lessons and a strong message on building enterprises with purpose. The interaction was centred on vision, leadership and entrepreneurship.



Welcoming Shri Mohanka, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, highlighted the Institute's growing focus on entrepreneurship and its vision of nurturing students and researchers not merely as job seekers, but as future job creators. He underscored the significance of the occasion for inspiring young minds to explore entrepreneurship as a career pathway. Prof. Karmalkar also outlined IIT Bhubaneswar's ambitious 100 Cube Start-up Initiative, which aims to mentor 100 startups with valuations exceeding ₹100 crore each by 2036, marking the centenary year of Odisha.

The Institute is currently mentoring around 140 startups, compared with approximately 18 two years ago. Its entrepreneurship ecosystem includes an introductory course on research and entrepreneurship for PhD and MS research scholars, proposed sabbatical leave for faculty to pursue startups, and an Innovation and Product Development minor for B.Tech students."



Shri Mohanka drew on his remarkable entrepreneurial journey to emphasise that “you must not have a fear of failure”, urging young entrepreneurs to learn from setbacks rather than become risk-averse. He stressed the importance of having faith in oneself and one’s team, taking ownership of mistakes, and upholding strong organisational values. He also highlighted the need for entrepreneurs to understand the market thoroughly, build capable teams and take bold, well-considered decisions when conventional managerial approaches may not suffice. His experiences in internationalising the business and developing new products further underscored the importance of adapting continuously to changing markets, cultures and customer expectations. Emphasising the broader purpose of entrepreneurship, Shri Mohanka also stressed the importance of “giving back” to society and creating enterprises that generate sustainable value for employees, shareholders and the wider community.

In a significant development, Shri Mohanka promised support of Rs. 2 crore for establishing a Centre on Mineral Processing at IIT Bhubaneswar, adding a new dimension to the Institute’s efforts to connect entrepreneurship, industry expertise and specialised academic capability.



The programme featured opening remarks by Prof. B. K. Mishra, Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Institute's School of Minerals, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering. Dr. Shantanu Patra, Professor-in-Charge, Extra Academic Activities, proposed a vote of thanks. IIT Bhubaneswar Research & Entrepreneurship Park coordinated the programme.



The interaction offered IIT Bhubaneswar’s students and aspiring entrepreneurs a rare opportunity to learn directly from decades of entrepreneurial experience, reinforcing the Institute’s commitment to creating a vibrant ecosystem for innovation, entrepreneurship and impactful enterprise creation.



Ahead of the main programme, the Institute also facilitated an interaction of Shri Mohanka with startups, providing entrepreneurs with an opportunity to engage and exchange perspectives as part of its continuing efforts to strengthen the campus entrepreneurship ecosystem.





500+ placements at IIT Bhubaneswar in the 2025-26 season

In a historic first for IIT Bhubaneswar, the total number of campus placements surpassed 500 during the 2025-26 season. Despite the uncertain global scenario, the placements at IIT Bhubaneswar remained strong. The placement process at IIT Bhubaneswar commenced in the first week of October 2025 and concluded in August 2026. Companies across sectors such as Software, IT, Consulting, Manufacturing, Oil and Gas, Semiconductors, Minerals, and FinTech participated in the placement process and recruited students in good numbers.

Public sector organizations such as Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Engineers India Limited (EIL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), and Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) and private sector organizations such as Google, Microsoft, Reliance Industries Limited, Flipkart, D. E. Shaw & Co., Accenture Japan, Accenture India, Media.net, Zomato, MathWorks, Caterpillar Inc., HCL Technologies, Tata Steel (including Tata Steel R&T), AIRA Matrix, Maruti Suzuki, Applied Materials, Larsen & Toubro (L&T), Jindal Stainless Limited, Jindal Steel & Power, Vedanta Limited, Visa Inc., HSBC (HSBC Digital), JPMorgan Chase, MAQ Software, Skyroot Aerospace, ICICI Bank, NIUM, Samsung R&D, Rippling, Hitachi, WSP India, Baker Hughes, Schneider Electric, and Tiger Analytics etc participated in the placements drive and provided the students with a vast array of placement opportunities.

More than 92% of students in the undergraduate program and 74% in the postgraduate program received placements, with median salaries of 14 and 11.2 lakh per annum, respectively. Besides offers in the domestic market, IIT Bhubaneswar students also bagged international offers. For the first time ever, the Mechanical Engineering branch has achieved 100% placements, with every eligible student receiving a placement offer during the campus recruitment season. A remarkable achievement that adds another dimension to IIT Bhubaneswar's collective placement success.

On this achievement, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar said: "This achievement is a testament to IIT Bhubaneswar's commitment to academic excellence, research-led education, and industry engagement. As technology continues to reshape the global economy, we are focused on creating graduates who are not only employable but also capable of driving innovation and solving complex societal challenges. Our endeavour is to build an ecosystem where academia and industry collaborate closely to create meaningful opportunities for our students."

Historic Milestones: IIT Bhubaneswar Placements 2025-26

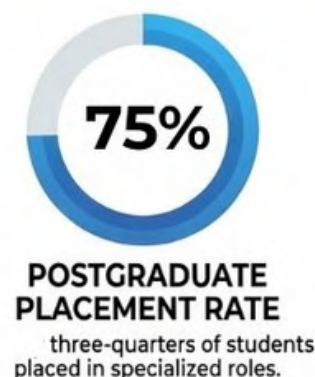
THE BIG PICTURE: RECORD-BREAKING RESULTS



500+
TOTAL PLACEMENTS
First time in history, exceeding the 500-mark during 2025-26 season.

100% PLACEMENT IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Historic milestone: Every eligible Mechanical Engineering student placed.

SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS



INDUSTRY PRESENCE & TOP RECRUITERS



LEADING PUBLIC SECTOR (PSU) PARTNERS



GLOBAL PRIVATE SECTOR GIANTS



BEYOND BORDERS: Successful international offers, expanding global footprint.

IIT Bhubaneswar PhD Scholar Earns Global Recognition at IEEE EDS TCAD Hackathon

IIT Bhubaneswar has added another achievement to its growing list of global research recognitions, with Mohith Sai Bathina, PhD Scholar, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, emerging as one of the three winners of the prestigious 2026 IEEE EDS Technology Computer-Aided Design (TCAD) Hackathon.

Organised by the IEEE Electron Devices Society (EDS), the international hackathon challenges students and researchers to develop innovative solutions using TCAD tools while strengthening their expertise in electronic device design and simulation.

Following a comprehensive evaluation by the judging panel and final approval by the IEEE EDS Education Committee, Mohith was selected among just three recipients worldwide.

As a winner, he will receive a US\$1,000 prize, along with an additional US\$1,000 reimbursement towards attending an EDS-sponsored conference of his choice.

The achievement reflects Mohith's research excellence and innovative spirit, while highlighting IIT Bhubaneswar's commitment to nurturing globally competitive researchers. Heartiest congratulations to Mohith on this remarkable accomplishment! We wish him many more milestones in his journey of research and innovation.



Congratulations! ★

MAKING US PROUD
SHINING ON THE GLOBAL STAGE.

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IIT Bhubaneswar Students Shine at MDAP 2026

IIT Bhubaneswar students have made their mark at the national level, with M.Sc. (Geology) 3rd semester students Swapnendu Bose and Utkarsh Mishra securing the Overall Second Position at the Mineral Development Awareness Programme (MDAP) 2026, organised by the Society of Geoscientists & Allied Technologists (SGAT) at Joda, Keonjhar.

Their team competed against 35 teams representing 9 states across India. Adding to the achievement, Utkarsh Mishra secured the Third Position in the Individual Event, demonstrating his expertise in identifying rocks, minerals, ores and mining machinery, understanding metallurgical processes, and interpreting satellite imageries.

The four-day MDAP 2026 brought together 70 students from nine states, providing participants with an enriching learning experience and deeper insights into mineral development.

The achievement reflects the spirit of curiosity, collaboration and excellence nurtured at IIT Bhubaneswar.

Heartiest congratulations to Swapnendu and Utkarsh on this outstanding accomplishment!

CONGRATULATIONS



SWPENDU BOSE & UTKARSH MISHRA



Har Ghar Tiranga

As part of the Independence Day celebrations, the members of the Institute also actively took part in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign to showcase their patriotism and respect for the tri-colour.



The NSS volunteers of the Institute joined the Tiranga Rally in Bhubaneswar on 9th August 2026 , graced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi.



IIT Bhubaneswar Receives Rajbhasha Excellence Award–2026



IIT Bhubaneswar has been conferred the First Prize under the “Rajbhasha Excellence Award–2026” for outstanding performance in the implementation of Official Language during the financial year 2025–26. The prestigious award was presented by the Hon’ble Governor of Odisha on 21st August 2026 on the occasion of the “First International Rajbhasha Annual Summit, Odisha–2026”, jointly organized by Nagar Rajbhasha Karyanvayan Samiti (NARAKAS) (Office–2), NARAKAS (Undertakings), and NARAKAS (Banks), Bhubaneswar.

On behalf of the Institute, the award was received by Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar and Dr. Indresh Yadav, Assistant Professor, Physics from Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, Hon’ble Governor of Odisha.

This prestigious recognition is a testament to the Institute’s continued efforts and collective commitment towards the effective use, promotion, and implementation of Hindi as the Official Language.

On this occasion, Shri Hemant Kumar Yadav, Hindi Translator, Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar, was honoured with the prestigious “Bhasha Ratna Samman–2026” for his notable contribution to the Hindi language and the implementation of Official Language Hindi.

The honour is a testament to his dedication, commitment and sustained efforts towards the promotion and implementation of Official Language Hindi. The IIT Bhubaneswar fraternity congratulates Shri Hemant Kumar Yadav on this distinguished achievement and extends its best wishes for his continued success.



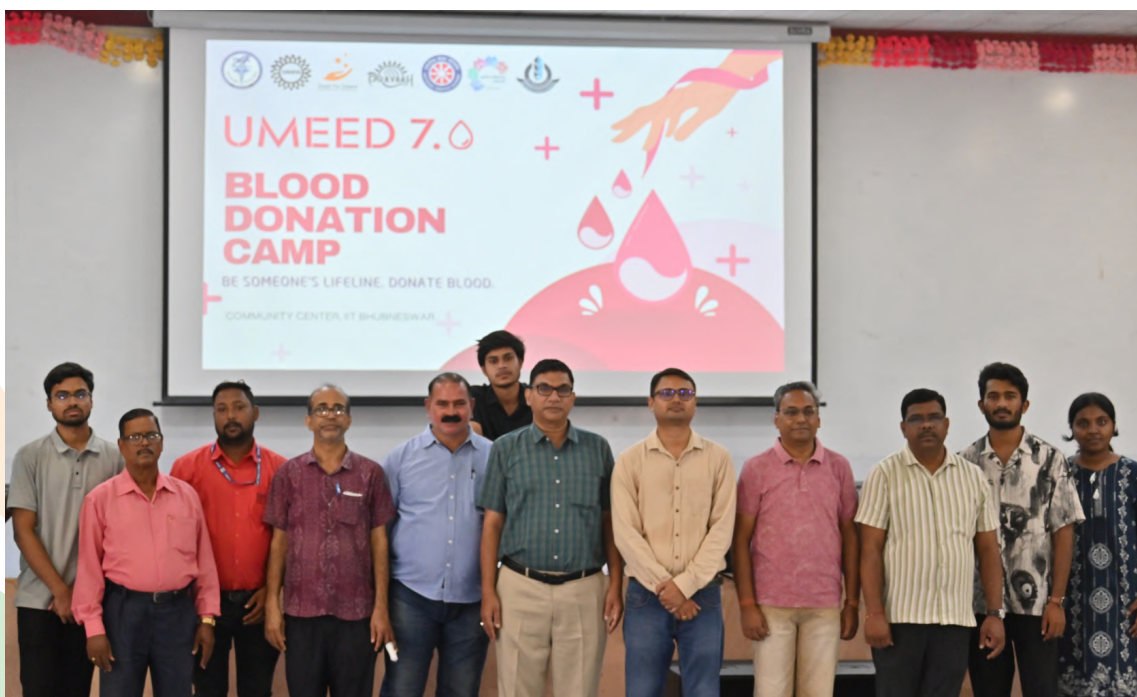
Blood Donation Camp Umeed 7.0

The National Service Scheme (NSS) team of IIT Bhubaneswar organised the voluntary blood donation camp (UMEED 7.0) on 23rd August 2026, in association with Sanjeevan Health Center of the Institute. A total of 120 units of blood were collected during the camp.

Prof. Mihir Das, Dean-Student Affairs, IIT Bhubaneswar, graced the occasion and motivated the donors and encouraged the NSS volunteers.



Among others, Dr. Seema Bahinipati, Professor-in-Charge (Healthcare), Dr. M.A. Khan, Chief Medical Officer, along with the members of Sanjeevan Health Centre of IIT Bhubaneswar, Dr Shruti Padhi, Doctor, Capital Hospital, and Shri Kailash Sarangi, Secretary, NGO Sahaya, were present on the occasion. Dr. Ankit Dalal, NSS Coordinator, led the camp. Along with NSS, members of Pravaah and Soul for Solace student teams also contributed equally to the organisation of the Blood Donation Camp. Faculty, staff, students, and residents of the Institute participated in this initiative and donated blood.



Workshop on Communication & Public Speaking

The Women Welfare Committee (WWC), led by Dr. Anasuya Roychowdhury, the Chairperson of the WWC at IIT Bhubaneswar, successfully conducted the Communication and Public Speaking Workshop in two phases on 21st and 22nd August 2026.



Phase 1 of the workshop, titled "Say What?", was conducted by Dr. Richa Shukla, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management, IIT Bhubaneswar. The session focused on developing clear, confident and effective communication, emphasising simple language, avoiding filler words, and maintaining a steady pace. Participants practiced self-introductions and presenting their PhD topics without jargon, while learning to highlight their strengths and communicate authentically. The session also covered formal communication in professional settings and provided an interactive platform to identify and improve communication challenges.



In the Phase-2, Dr. Prama Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor of Psychology, School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management, IIT Bhubaneswar delved into "Say It So It Lands". The workshop focused on enhancing confident, clear, structured, and impactful communication, covering public speaking, body language, effective use of pauses, and avoiding filler words. Dr. Prama guided participants on structuring presentations with a clear headline, overview, logical flow, and effective conclusion. Participants also learned to listen attentively, identify the core of a question, and provide focused responses. Through an interactive, application-oriented approach, the workshop helped participants reflect on their communication habits and identify areas for improvement.



QuizSoc IIT Bhubaneswar Celebrates National Sports Day with FIFA-F1-IPL Quiz

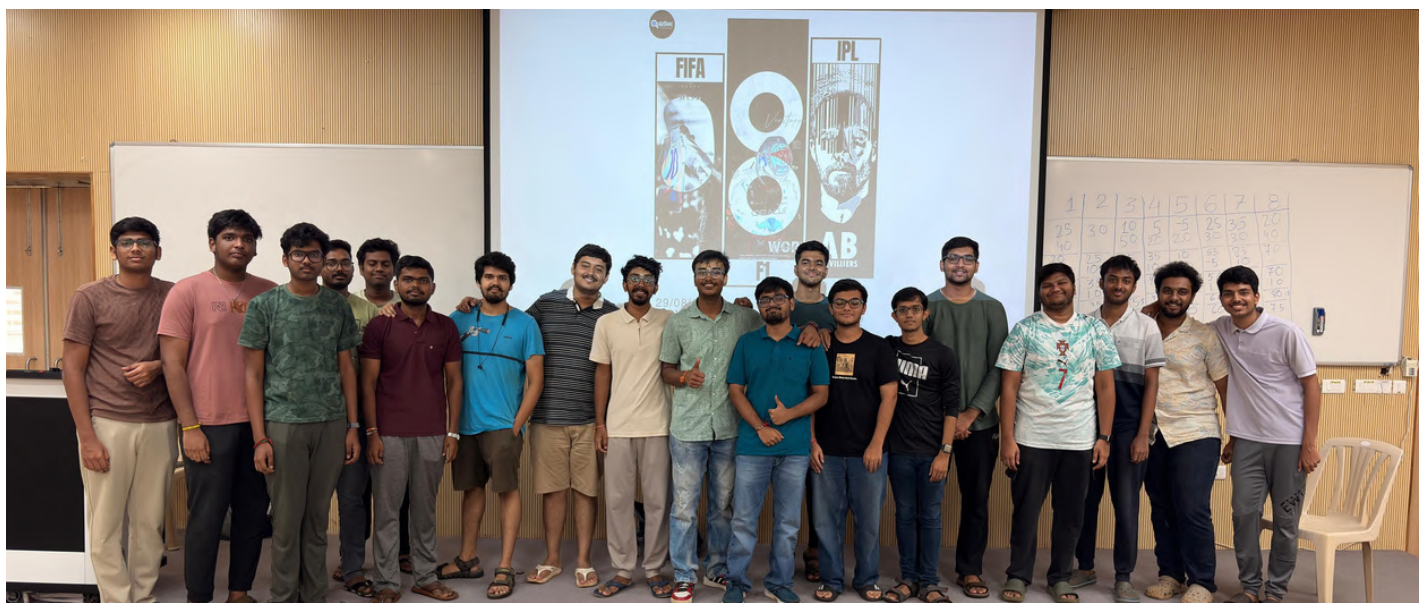
On the occasion of National Sports Day, the Quizzing Society (QuizSoc) of IIT Bhubaneswar organised a high-energy sports quiz themed around three of the world's biggest sporting spectacles — FIFA World Cup, Formula 1, and the Indian Premier League. The event brought together sports enthusiasts from across campus for an evening of trivia, nostalgia, and friendly competition.

National Sports Day is observed every year on 29th August, marking the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand, and is dedicated to celebrating sportsmanship and the spirit of athletic excellence. In line with this spirit, QuizSoc curated a quiz that tested participants' knowledge across football history and iconic World Cup moments, Formula 1 legends, teams, and race statistics, and IPL trivia spanning records, players, and unforgettable matches.



Participants engaged in various rounds, keeping the energy high throughout. The quiz drew a diverse audience — from die-hard football fans to F1 enthusiasts and cricket loyalists — each finding a segment tailored to their passion.

The event reflected QuizSoc's continued effort to make quizzing an inclusive and engaging campus activity, blending general knowledge with the thrill of sport. It also reinforced the larger message of National Sports Day: celebrating passion, discipline, and the universal love for sport that unites people across different games.



Anti-Ragging Week

As a responsible Higher Education Institution, Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar joined the National Anti-Ragging Week Observance, 12th to 18th August 2026, reaffirming its unwavering commitment to a safe, inclusive and ragging-free campus.

Throughout the week, the Institute organised a series of awareness and sensitisation programmes to encourage students to choose respect over intimidation, friendship over fear, and inclusion over harassment.



Raksha Bandhan at Vatsalya



9th Annual Tae-Kwon-Do Belt Promotion Test

The Parampara Club, in association with the Tae-Kwon-Do Association of Bhubaneswar, Khordha, organised its 9th Annual Belt Promotion Test on 16th August 2026 at the Community Centre, IIT Bhubaneswar. Around 25 young participants took part in the event and demonstrated their skills, discipline, dedication and enthusiasm in Tae-Kwon-Do.



Dr. Divyansh Patel, Faculty Advisor for Sports & Games, IIT Bhubaneswar, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The event was also attended by Mrs. Shruti Karmalkar, Advisor, Parampara Club. The presence of the dignitaries and the enthusiastic participation of the children added to the spirit and significance of the programme.

The belt promotion test provided an excellent platform for the young practitioners to showcase their progress and encouraged them to continue their journey towards greater skill, discipline and self-confidence.





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**“Life is a great symphony,
and light and colour are its notes.”**