



Press Release

**IIT Bhubaneswar celebrates 80th Independence Day with
commitment for Viksit Bharat**

Bhubaneswar, 16th August 2026: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar has 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 celebration also showcased March-Past by the security unit, National Cadet Corps (NCC) and exciting performances by the students Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Bhubaneswar. Among others, Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar of the Institute; Deans; senior faculty members; and officials were notably present on the occasion.

IIT Bhubaneswar has declared cycling as a mandatory skill for all students. Its Women Welfare Committee initiated the tradition of an annual cycling workshop on Independence Day, and conducted the same for about 30 students in the afternoon. The Student Gymkhana organised vibrant cultural programmes in the evening to mark India's 80th Independence Day. The programme showcased an array of scintillating cultural performances by the students and campus residents.

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.

Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV), IIT Bhubaneswar also celebrated the 80th Independence Day with great enthusiasm.
