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Dr. Srikant Gollapudi receives National Teachers' Award 2026

Dr. Srikant Gollapudi, Associate Professor, School of Minerals, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, IIT Bhubaneswar, has been conferred the prestigious National Teachers' Award 2026 by the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, at a ceremony in New Delhi on the occasion of Teachers' Day. He is among 21 teachers from higher educational institutions and polytechnics selected for the award.



Dr. Srikant received the award for his “teaching skills and socially relevant research” in the areas of metallurgy and material science. He strives to strengthen student learning by focusing on their conceptual understanding, real life applications and experiential learning. His research work has spanned affordable medical implants and surgical devices, recycling solutions for end-of-life solar cells, and lightweight composites for mobility applications.

An alumnus of NIT Rourkela and the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, Dr. Srikant earned his Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from North Carolina State University, USA. Before joining IIT Bhubaneswar, he worked with the Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory, Hyderabad, MIT, USA and Saint-Gobain Research India. At IIT Bhubaneswar, his research focuses on processing and characterization of advanced materials for defence, mobility and biomedical applications, and includes research projects of national significance from DRDO and Ministry of Mines.

Dr. Srikant said, “I am deeply honoured and humbled to receive the National Teachers' Award. I am grateful to my students, colleagues, mentors and the leadership of IIT Bhubaneswar for their constant support. I would also like to acknowledge the teaching-learning reforms undertaken by IIT Bhubaneswar, which are creating a supporting environment for innovative and student-centric pedagogy. This recognition motivates me to continue contributing to excellence in teaching, research and mentoring the next generation.”

Congratulating Dr. Srikant, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, said, “This prestigious recognition is a matter of pride for IIT Bhubaneswar, which lays equal emphasis on socially relevant impactful research and transformation of teaching-learning through research-based pedagogical practices. Dr. Srikant's dedication to teaching, research and student mentoring exemplifies these values of academic excellence.”

IIT Bhubaneswar and GRIDCO Join Hands to Establish Centre for Renewable Energy Research & Studies in Odisha



In a major step towards strengthening Odisha's renewable energy research and innovation ecosystem, IIT Bhubaneswar and GRIDCO Limited have entered into an Implementation Agreement for establishing the Centre for Renewable Energy Research & Studies, Odisha, at the IIT Bhubaneswar campus. The agreement was signed between IIT Bhubaneswar and GRIDCO Ltd. on 2nd September 2026, in the presence of Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar and Dr. Satyapriya Rath, IAS, Managing Director, GRIDCO Limited. The agreement has been built on the MoU signed by GRIDCO and IIT Bhubaneswar in July 2025 to promote renewable energy research and development and facilitate the commercialization and adoption of renewable energy technologies in Odisha.

Envisaged under the Odisha Renewable Energy Policy (OREP) 2022, the Centre will serve as a collaborative platform bringing together academia, the power sector, industry and government for advanced research, technology demonstration, capacity building and policy support in renewable energy. GRIDCO will serve as the Implementing Agency on behalf of the Energy Department, Government of Odisha, while IIT Bhubaneswar will be the Host-cum-Academic Partner.

The CRRS will undertake research across emerging and strategic areas including solar and wind energy, green hydrogen, energy storage, smart grids, renewable energy integration, EV infrastructure, alternative energy generation, advanced materials and sustainable battery systems.

On this occasion, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, said, "The CRRS will create a strong bridge between cutting-edge research and real-world energy challenges. Through this partnership, we aim to develop innovative and scalable technologies that can contribute meaningfully to Odisha's clean-energy transition."

In his remark, Dr. Satyapriya Rath, IAS, Managing Director, GRIDCO Limited, said, “The CRRS will strengthen Odisha’s capacity to develop and adopt renewable energy solutions through a research-driven approach. Our partnership with IIT Bhubaneswar will help connect innovation with the practical needs of the State’s evolving power sector.”

On the occasion of the agreement signing ceremony, amongst others, Prof Vijay Shankar Pasupureddi (Dean-Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy), Directors of GRIDCO Mr Debashis Das and Mr Kshirod C Nanda, Principal Investigator (PI) Prof Subhransu R. Samantaray, Co-PI Prof Umaprasana Ojha and Coordinator from GRIDCO Mr. Rutupurna Mansingh were present.

As part of the collaboration, IIT Bhubaneswar will provide infrastructure, laboratories, academic resources and research expertise, while GRIDCO will facilitate funding, government coordination and industry linkages. The Centre will also pursue additional research support through government schemes, international agencies, CSR and industry partnerships.

The proposed facilities include a Central Research Laboratory, testing and certification facilities, pilot demonstration plants, a training center and a renewable energy data centre for resource assessment and forecasting.

US Consul General visits IIT Bhubaneswar

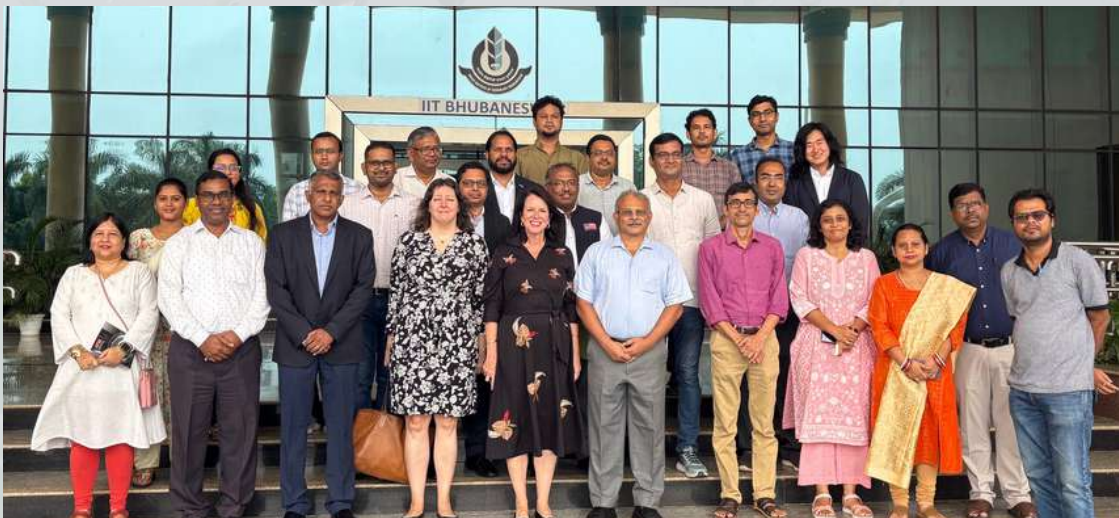
US Consul General Ms. Laura Williams and a delegation from the U.S. Consulate and Embassy visited IIT Bhubaneswar on 10th September 2026, for discussions on strengthening academic and research collaborations between India and the United States, with a focus on emerging and strategic technologies.



Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, interacted with the delegation and provided an overview of the Institute's academic programmes, research activities, state-of-the-art infrastructure and innovation ecosystem. Prof. Shyaml Chatterjee, Dean (Continuing Education) and Prof. Vijay Shankar Pasupureddi, Dean (Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy) were also present on the occasion.



The discussions focused on AI, semiconductors, critical minerals, emerging technologies and secure supply chains, in the context of the growing India-U.S. partnership under the TRUST framework. Faculty members shared their research and expertise, exploring opportunities for joint research and academic partnerships with U.S. institutions. The delegation expressed keen interest in IIT Bhubaneswar's research capabilities, marking a step towards stronger India-U.S. academic and research collaboration.



2nd All-Women Sports Championship Celebrates Sporting Excellence and Empowerment



The 2nd All-Women Sports Championship 2026, organised by the Women Welfare Committee (WWC) and the Students' Gymkhana, IIT Bhubaneswar, was held from 4th to 6th September 2026. The three-day event brought together more than 90 participants across 167 total event entries, marking a spirited celebration of women in sports.

Building on last year's offerings of Badminton, Table Tennis, Carrom, and Chess, this edition introduced another four new events; 60-Metre Sprint, Standing Broad Jump, Slow Cycling, and the group event Basketball. In response to participant feedback from the previous year, age-wise categories (25 and below, and 26 and above) were introduced for Badminton, Table Tennis, 60-Metre Sprint, Standing Broad Jump, and Slow Cycling, reflecting the championship's growing participation.



The championship opened on 4th September 2026 at the Student Activity Centre (SAC), with Ms. Radhika Singh Chauhan, Associate Coordinator (Sports), WWC Students' Team, extending a cordial welcome to all present. Mrs. Shruti Karmalkar, President, Residential Clubs, IIT Bhubaneswar, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and formally inaugurated the event. In her address, she commended all women participants, particularly residents, for their enthusiasm in sports. The ceremony was also attended by Dr. Anasuya Roychowdhury, Chairperson, WWC; Dr. Chetan, President, Students' Gymkhana; Dr. Divyansh Patel, Faculty Advisor, Sports & Games, Students' Gymkhana; and WWC members Dr. Kiranmayi Landu and Mr. Manas Kumar Behera.



Over the following days, participants showcased their sporting skills, competitive spirit, and teamwork across disciplines and age categories. The events drew enthusiastic participation and created an energetic campus atmosphere, with students, staff, faculty, and residents cheering the competitors on.





The championship concluded on 6th September 2026, followed by the Award and Valedictory Session, introduced by Ms. Radhika Singh Chauhan. Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, and Chief Guest Mrs. Shruti Karmalkar graced the closing ceremony. Prof. Karmalkar presented Champion trophies to the winners of each event, while Mrs. Karmalkar felicitated the top three finishers in each category with gold, silver, and bronze medals.

Manisha Soreng was adjudged Woman of the Championship, having won gold in the 26 & above category of both the 60-Metre Sprint and Standing Broad Jump, in addition to being part of the gold-winning Basketball team.



Dr. Anasuya Roychowdhury, Dr. Chetan, Dr. Kiranmayi Landu, and Mr. Manas Kumar Behera also congratulated the participants on their achievements. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks extended by Ms. Deshika Laxman, Coordinator, WWC.

The 2nd All-Women Sports Championship reaffirmed the commitment of IIT Bhubaneswar in promoting fitness, sportsmanship, inclusion, and empowerment, offering a vibrant platform for women to excel in sports.



Janmastami Celebration

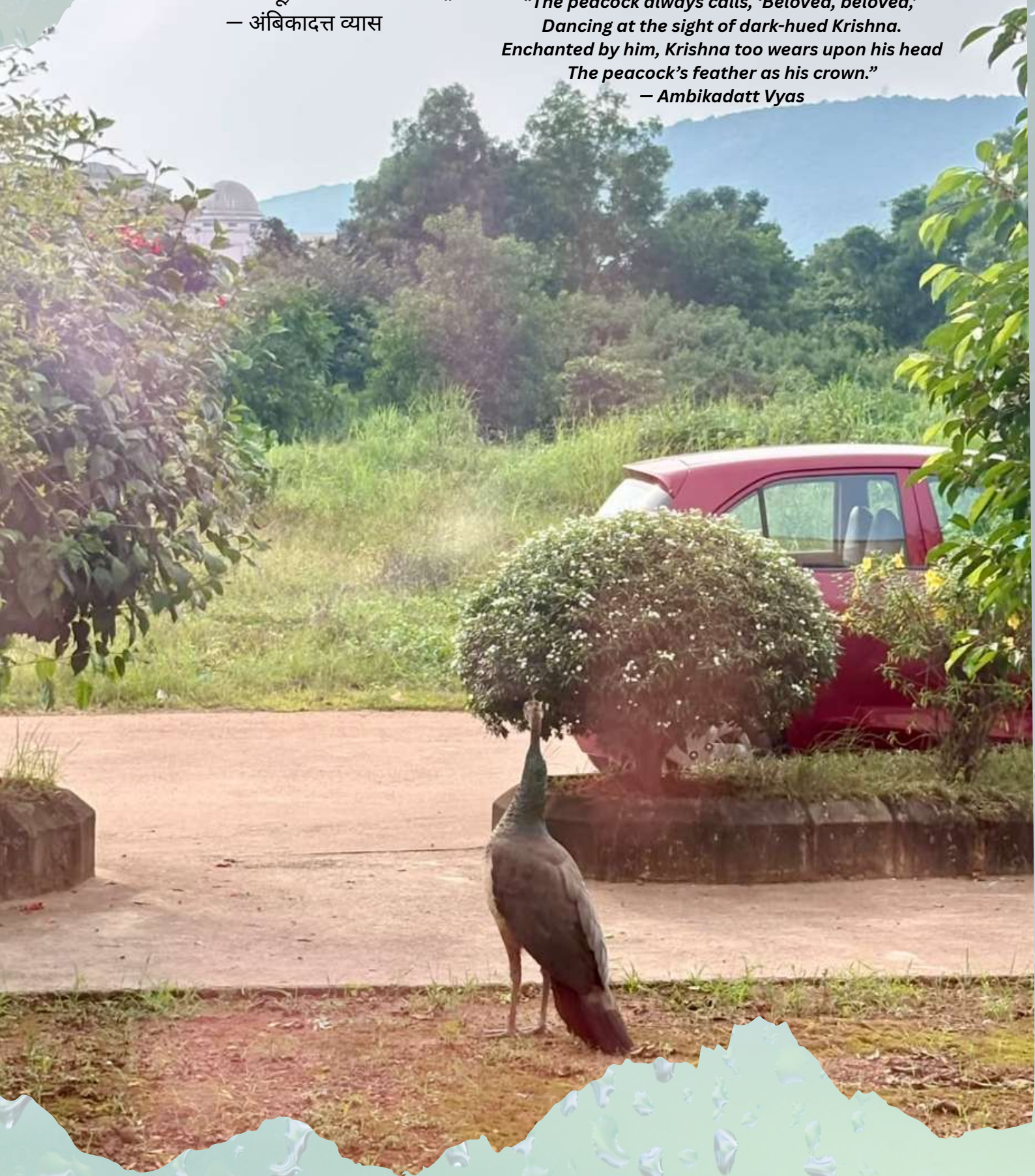


Janmastami Celebration @Vatsalya



“भोर सदा पिउ-पिउ करत, नाचत लखि घनश्याम।
यासों ताकी पाँखहूँ, सिर धारी घनश्याम॥”
— अंबिकादत्त व्यास

*“The peacock always calls, ‘Beloved, beloved,’
Dancing at the sight of dark-hued Krishna.
Enchanted by him, Krishna too wears upon his head
The peacock’s feather as his crown.”*
— Ambikadatt Vyas



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