



Press Release

**IIT Bhubaneswar organizes plantation drive as part of
'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Campaign**

Bhubaneswar, 18th September 2026: As part of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Campaign-3.0' and 'Swachhata Hi Seva-2026' programme, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar, organised a mass plantation drive on its premises on 17th September 2026. The members of the Institute participated in the drive in large number with enthusiasm and vigour and planted about 200 avenue, fruit-bearing and ornamental saplings in IIT Bhubaneswar campus.

Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, inaugurated the drive by planting saplings. Prof. Mihir Kumar Das, Dean (Student Affairs); Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar; Prof. Brahma Deo, Academic Coordinator, SMMME; Prof. S.K. Panda, Chairperson (Infrastructure); Dr. Pattabhi Ramaiah Budarapu, Chairperson (Warden Council); Dr. Sivaiah Bathula, Chairperson (GATE); Dr. Ankit Dalal, NSS Coordinator and Shri K. Rabin Kumar Dora, Superintending Engineer of IIT Bhubaneswar led the plantation drive and planted saplings. Faculty members, staff, residents, students and NSS volunteers participated in this drive with great enthusiasm. Mr. K.V. Reddy, Assistant Horticulturist, coordinated the event.
