



Press Release

**IIT Bhubaneswar felicitates SafaiMitras on Swachhata
Diwas and Gandhi Jayanti**

Swachhata Hi Seva Special Campaign concludes successfully

Bhubaneswar, 2nd October 2026: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar felicitated 12 Housekeeping and Horticulture Staff with the SafaiMitra Award-2026 for their significant contributions to cleaning activities inside and outside the campus during the Swachhata Hi Seva-2026 campaign. The Awards were handed over by Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, during the Swachhata Diwas Gandhi Jayanti celebration at the Institute.

It may be mentioned that IIT Bhubaneswar joined the Nation in the Swachhata Hi Seva Special Campaign and conducted various activities reiterating its commitment towards cleanliness, in line with this year's theme "Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat". Various activities were divided into the five pillars of the campaign:

- Transformation of Cleanliness Target Units: Cleaning neglected garbage points and difficult public spots.
- Swachh Paathshala: Engaging students and youth in cleanliness and waste management education.
- SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir: Providing welfare, safety equipment, and health services to sanitation workers.
- Jan Bhagidari: Encouraging citizen-led source segregation and anti-plastic drives.
- Swachhata se Samridhi: Promoting waste-to-wealth, circular economy concepts, home composting, and creative reuse.

The Institute organised a Mass Cleanliness Drive on 1st October 2026, in which Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, Prof. Mihir Kumar Das, Dean (Student Affairs), Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar, Dr. Remya Neelancherry, Professor-in-Charge (Swachhata) and other senior faculty members and employees joined the housekeeping staff in cleaning the road in front of the Main Gate of the Institute.

On 2nd October 2026, while celebrating the Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the members of the Institute offered floral tribute to the Father of the Nation. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar reiterated the Institute's commitment towards maintaining a clean and green campus, while encouraging continuous efforts to identify and improve areas that require greater attention. Registrar Shri Bamadev Acharya also spoke on the occasion and motivated the members of the Institute to ensure the cleanliness of the campus premises. Dr. Remya Neelancherry highlighted the various activities taken up by IIT Bhubaneswar as part of the Swachhata hi Seva campaign.

The faculty members, employees, students and residents of the Institute joined in this campaign with much enthusiasm to make the purpose of the Swachhata Hi Seva mission a success.
