



EVENT SNAPSHOTS



IIT BHUBANESWAR JOINS THE NATION IN CELEBRATING 75TH REPUBLIC DAY

IIT Bhubaneswar has joined the Nation in celebrating the 75th Republic Day with patriotic fervour. Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar unfurled the National Flag on the occasion.



In his address, he deliberated on the meanings of the words 'Republic' and 'Democracy' and their significance in the context of Indian values and tradition. Quoting Aurobindo, he said that the ideal basis of democracy is dharma which recognizes that everyone and everything in this world is interdependent, and thus goes beyond the concept of rights.

The celebration also showcased March-Past by the security unit, National Cadet Corps (NCC) and exciting performances by the students of the Institute. Among others, Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Dean (Student Affairs), Dean (Alumni Affairs & International Relations), Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar, Dr. Srinivasa Ramanujam Kannan, Professor In-Charge, Extra-Academic Activities, senior members of faculty and senior officers of the Institute were present on the occasion.



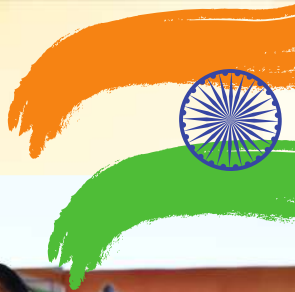
A vibrant cultural programme by the students was also organised in the evening to mark the Republic Day celebrations enjoyable and eventful.



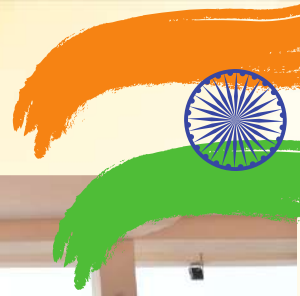
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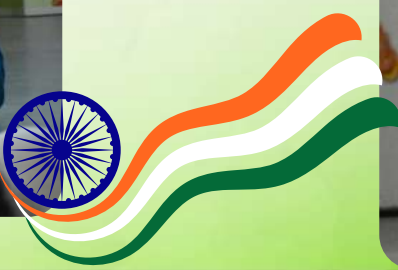
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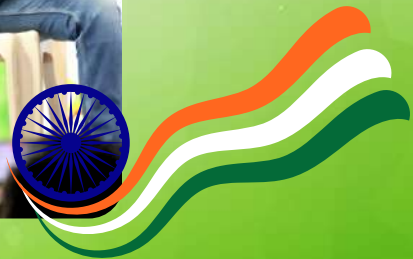
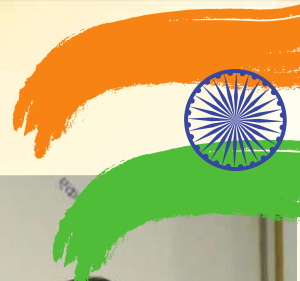
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REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS AT KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA

Kendriya Vidyalaya, IIT Bhubaneswar also celebrated the Republic Day with great enthusiasm. Shri Chakradhar Prusty, Principal of the School unfurled the Triranga on the occasion. He also addressed the students and teachers. The students of the school also performed various cultural programmes to mark the celebrations.

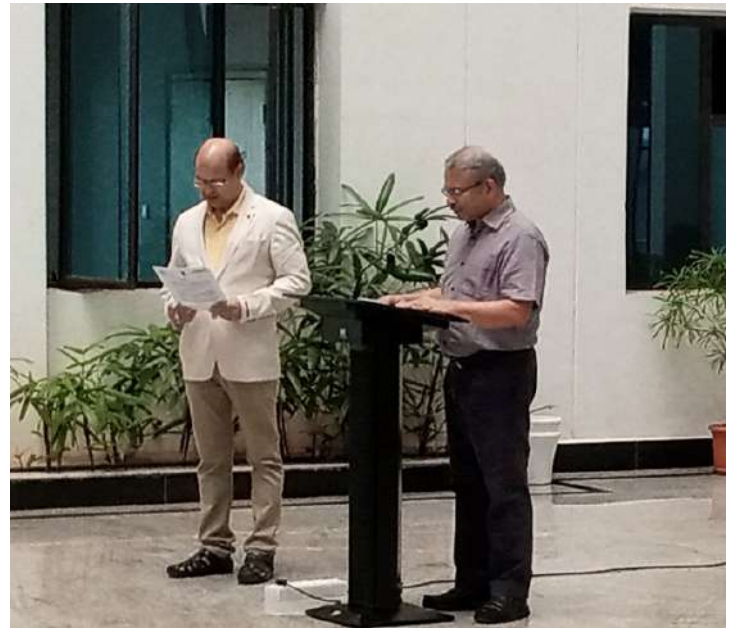


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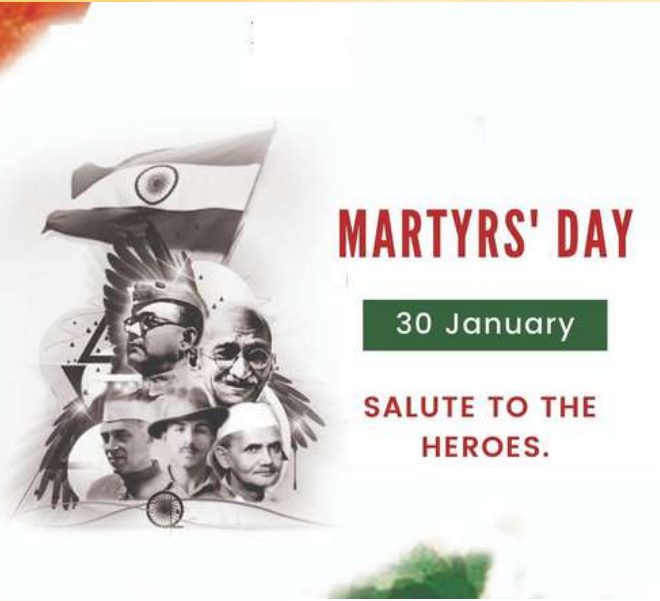
NATIONAL VOTER'S DAY



With an objective to mark the importance of each vote in a democracy, IIT Bhubaneswar joined the Nation in celebrating National Voters' Day-2024 on 25th January 2024. The theme of the NVD celebrations for this year was **'Nothing like voting, I vote for sure'** 'वोट जैसा कुछ नहीं', 'वोट जरूर डालेंगे हम' .



OBSERVANCE OF MARTYR'S DAY



IIT Bhubaneswar observed the Martyr's Day on 30th January 2024, in the memory of all those who sacrificed their lives for India's Freedom. To mark the occasion, the members of the Institute observed a 2-minute silence as a tribute to the martyrs.



27TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INDIAN POLITICAL ECONOMY ASSOCIATION



IIT Bhubaneswar has hosted the 27th annual edition of the Indian Political Economy Association (IPEA) Conference, themed "Geopolitics, Energy, Finance, and Democracy" on 27 and 28 January 2024. Marking a historic first for the institute, the event, organized by the School of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Management, covered diverse topics such as environmental issues, global socio-political inequalities, and solutions for addressing disparities. The conference facilitated discussions on international macroeconomics, finance, political economics of elections, governance, health policies, global economic footprint, and more. The conference deliberations focused on future research prospects and proposed effective policy measures that address the problems of inclusive growth, health and education issues and governance topics in the Indian context.





At the outset, Dr. Sitakanta Panda, Convenor of the Conference and Assistant Professor of Economics, IIT Bhubaneswar delivered the welcome address. Prof. Balwinder Singh Tiwana, IPEA Signatory, spoke about the purpose, the history of the organization, and the future prospects of IPEA. He underscored its inclusive and interdisciplinary character in economic research by placing emphasis on the organization's democratic and non-hierarchical structure.



Addressing the participants, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, discussed his experiences with economics as a subject in comparison to politics and philosophy. He demonstrated how, in debates about society, the ordinary individual is more at ease discussing politics and philosophy than economics, despite the fact that economics plays just as much, if not more, of a role in bringing about societal reform. Therefore, it is necessary to educate the average educated people about the meaning and use of fundamental economic indices, such as GDP, FDI, stock index, etc. while discussing societal conditions. According to him, this is the duty of academics and economics-related organizations.



Chief Guest of the inaugural session, Dr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Advisor, SBI Group, highlighted the future perspectives of finance and development in India. He focused on the Four I's: innovation, inclusivity, investment, and infrastructure. He delved into the fusion of applied learning and theoretical learning in policymaking. The concluding remarks were delivered by Dr. Dukhabandhu Sahoo, Head of the School of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Management.

The two-day conference had many parallel technical sessions. Two Keynote Lectures were delivered by the renowned economists Prof. Katharina Michaelowa of the University of Zurich and Prof. C.P. Chandrasekhar of UMass Amherst. The conference also witnessed special panel discussions by some distinguished economists, one on the state of the Indian economy and the other on the place of India in the current world order. The valedictory session of the conference was graced by Prof. R. Vijay and Prof. Amarjit Singh Sidhu. More than 100 delegates, including Professors and research scholars, participated in the Conference from India and abroad.



INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA INTERFACE & CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE

IIT Bhubaneswar organises Training on School of Excellence in Design and Engineering for Tata Steel Engineers

IIT Bhubaneswar, organized a training programme on School of Excellence in Design and Engineering as part of the capability-building support for Tata steel Engineers for their in-house infrastructure projects. The four-day training programme was held from 22 to 25 January at the School of Infrastructure of the Institute. As many as 30 Civil Engineers from Tata Steel participated in this one-of-its-kind training programme, which was designed to provide a comprehensive understanding on the use of modern finite element-based software with practical examples and hands-on sessions.

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, in the presence of Prof. Dinakar Pasla, Dean- Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy (SRIC) and Prof. Sumanta Haldar, Head of the School of Infrastructure.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar highlighted the importance IIT Bhubaneswar is according to Industry-Academia collaboration and the efforts being made to motivate faculty for the same. He also educated the attendees on the distinctions between modelling, analysis, simulation, and design – words that are at times used incorrectly interchangeably.





IDEan-SRIC Prof. Dinakar Pasla deliberated on the various Industry-Academia Interface initiatives of IIT Bhubaneswar towards attaining excellence in research and innovation. Prof. Sumanta Haldar presented a brief introduction to the School of Infrastructure before the participants. Prof. Sarat Kumar Panda delivered the welcome address and Prof. Santhoshkumar G. offered a vote of thanks. On the second day of the programme, Mr. Manish Kumar Singh, G&M, Design and Engineering of Tata Steel Limited visited IIT Bhubaneswar and interacted with the Director, IIT Bhubaneswar about the possible collaboration with TATA Steel for industry-academia relationship.



The four-day training programme focused on the modern aspects in the analysis and design of infrastructure projects considering structural and geotechnical engineering domains, such as, design of tall structures, rail and road bridges, steel structures, modern ground improvement techniques, structural health monitoring, pre-stressed structure for long span, geotechnical assessment for structural design. The programme was conducted in association with the Capability-building Support Division of Tata Steel. Prof. Brahma Deo, MGM Chair Professor graced the valedictory session held on 25th January 2024.



VISIT OF U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL DELEGATES



A team from U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad visited IIT Bhubaneswar on 18 January 2024 as part of the Study in U.S. Outreach Activities. On behalf of the team, Mr. T. Senthil Kumar, Public Engagement Specialist and Ms. Nausheen Ali, English Language & Education Outreach Coordinator met Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director & also interacted with the Deans, exploring collaborations.



The team also interacted with the students and provided them with insights on 'Study in the USA'. Prof. Prasant Kumar Sahu, Dean - Alumni Affairs & International Relations coordinated the visit.



VISIT OF FRENCH DELEGATION

A 12-membered French delegation comprising mostly Organic Chemists from various Universities and institutes across France, visited the Chemistry and Biosciences in School of Basic Sciences on 18th January 2024. IIT Bhubaneswar was chosen as one of the destinations to visit during the India tour besides two other central Universities. A mini-symposium entitled "Catalysis for Sustainable Synthesis (CFSS-24)" was organized under the convenorship of Dr. Tabrez Khan, Associate Professor to establish a forum for scientific interaction between the French and the organic chemists from Odisha. This visit was primarily aimed at enhancing the interaction between the scientific community of the two nations and fostering collaborations and exchange programmes for developing sustainable solutions to solve societal problems relevant to India and France.





IIT Bhubaneswar, has organized a series of sports and fitness activities during the Fit India Week, held from 15 to 22 January 2024. Various sports and fitness activities including mini marathon, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, badminton, cricket, lawn tennis, football and athletics were also organized during the week. A yogathon was also held as part of the week-long observation. The motto of organizing these activities was to inculcate the value of health and fitness for a better life among the students and members of the institute.



Students, faculty members and staff of the Institute participated in these activities in a large number. Dr. Bankim Chandra Mandal, Nodal Officer, FIT India Movement coordinated the programme.



SKYGAZING ACTIVITY FOR THE CHILDREN

Aanand Kid's Activity Centre organised a Skygazing activity for the children on 17 January 2024.

Dr Subhendu Pattnaik, Former Dy. Director of Pathani Samanta Planetarium, Bhubaneswar delivered a talk discussing the basics of Astronomy, relatable to the children aged 6-14 yrs. Mr. Avinash Baliarsingh and Mr. Kisor Chanda Pattnayak from Jupiter Astronomy Club conducted the stargazing activity which involved a closer live view of Moon and its craters, Jupiter and its moons and Saturn with rings. It was attended by campus kids, elders and the students of the Institute.

