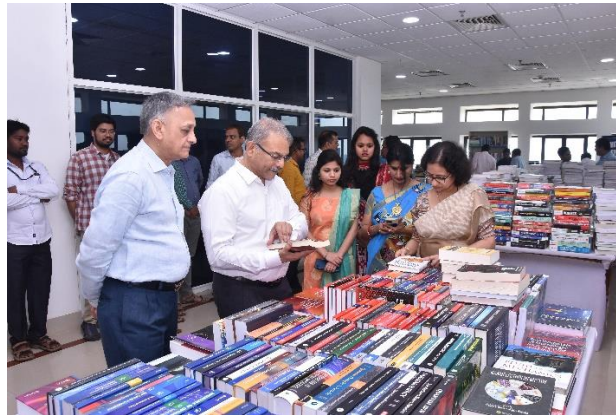


## 2<sup>ND</sup> TECHNO BOOK EXHIBITION AT IIT BHUBANESWAR

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, Bhubaneswar:** Central Library, IIT Bhubaneswar is organizing a three-day long Techno Book Exhibition (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) - 2023 on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Admin Building from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The exhibition will be open on all three days from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.



The Director, IIT Bhubaneswar and his wife inaugurated the event in the presence of registrar, library staff, faculty, students, and library staff of NISER. About 16 vendors and publishers of national and international repute are participating in the exhibition. There are 16 stalls with more than 50 thousand books on science & technology, engineering, social sciences, management, soft skills, literature, storybooks, children's education and entertainment. The exhibition seeks to instill a love for reading that lasts a lifetime.

In his message, Prof. Karmalkar, Director IIT Bhubaneswar pointed out the connection between reading habits, mindset and Nobel prizes. He quoted statistics as per which, per year, an average Chinese reads 0.7 books, Vietnamese 0.8 books, Indian 1.2 books and Korean 7 books. Only Japan compares with Western countries with 40 books, and Russia 55 books. Two countries that like to read the most in the world are Israel and Hungary. In Israel, the average person reads 64 books a year and there have been eight Nobel laureates. Hungary has nearly 20,000 libraries, and an average of 500 people have a library. The nobel prizes Hungary has received belong to many fields – physics, chemistry, medicine, economics, literature, peace, etc.

A reason for not liking reading is that a child's personality is formed mainly from the family, and parents do not have the practice to read books. Another is "exam-heavy education", which makes young children not have the time and energy to read books outside. Even if they read books, those are to serve the exams.

Knowledge is power and property. People who read have a very different way of thinking. Even if they don't have brilliant achievements, they still have a great mindset. Books don't just affect an individual but the entire society. Many races are vibrant but not civilized. A community will develop or stay behind, depending on how many people read books and what type of books they choose to read.

All faculty, staff, students and families from IIT Bhubaneswar and nearby institutes are encouraged to visit the book exhibition.