



## **PRESS REPORT ON ISHAN VIKAS**

### **A PROGRAMME INITIATED BY MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

Ishān Vikās program is an initiative taken by MHRD, Government of India to introduce school children from the North-Eastern states to institutes of higher education in India. It is a comprehensive plan to bring school children of Class IX and Class XI in close contact with premier institutes like IITs, National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs) with two groups in summer and one group in winter. The school children are encouraged to pursue science, technology, engineering and other areas relevant to the society.

IIT Bhubaneswar is currently hosting the program from December 7-18, 2015. The four participating schools are Oil India H.S. School Duliajan, Dibrugarh (Assam), DPS Duliajan, Dibrugarh (Assam), VKV Nirjuli, Papumpare (Arunachal Pradesh) and VKV Yazali, Lower Subansiri (Arunachal Pradesh). A total of 40 students of class XI and their accompanying teachers will participate in the two week program. Ishan Vikas Program gives the participants to experience a campus life at the premier institute. The program started with the motivation talk on "Introduction to Engineering" by Prof. R. V. Rajakumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar.

As a part of the programme the students will be exposed to talks by eminent speakers like Prof. B.K. Dhindaw, Prof. Swadhin Pattanayak, Prof. Aditya Mohanty, Prof. Binayak Rath and Prof. Pranay Kumar Swain in wide spectrum of areas e.g., engineering, science, humanities and social science, personality development and communication. Few short films on renowned persons, yoga practice and local sightseeing is also planned. The unique program of MHRD, India is aimed at opening up young minds and gives them a broad overview of the future paths they can traverse. The program is being coordinated by Prof. S. Mahapatra and Dr. A. Mandal of IIT Bhubaneswar.

Inauguration of the programme by Prof. R. V. Rajakumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar.



Prof. R. V. Rajakumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar delivering a motivation talk on “Introduction to Engineering”.

