

## First-ever Workshop on Workplace Communication for Employees









With an objective to infuse clarity, transparency, and efficiency among the staff members through effective and efficient communication, IIT Bhubaneswar organized a two-day workshop on Workplace Communication. This is the first-ever workshop designed by the Institute to enhance the level of communication among the staff through sensitization and hands-on training.

The first phase of the workshop was organized for the support staff of the Institute on 8th and 10th January 2024, each day in two groups. The inaugural sessions for both the groups were graced by Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar. In his address, he explained how effectiveness and efficiency in communication prevents misunderstandings and ensures pleasant environment in the workplace. He illustrated with examples the importance of openness, timeliness, accuracy, body language and how we speak in achieving effectiveness in communication. He urged the participants to take active input from the workshop to enhance their workplace environment.





Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar, IIT Bhubaneswar also addressed the staff on the occasion and underlined the importance of improving communication at the workplace. He said that IIT Bhubaneswar will regularly organize such workshops in future. Dr. Punyashree Panda, Professor-in-Charge (Communication) initiated and organized the two-day workshop.





The first day of the workshop included sessions on "The Right Attitude at Work" by Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash, Dean (Student Affairs); "Handling Students and Other Stakeholders" by Prof. Chandrashekhar Narayan Bhende, Dean (Post Graduate & Research Programs); "Revisiting Listening-Speaking-Reading-Writing (LSRW) Skills" by Dr. Punyashree Panda, Professor-in-Charge (Communication) and "Writing for Office Purposes" by Dr. Akshaya Kumar Rath, Associate Professor, School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management. The second day of the workshop included interactive activity sessions designed to enhance the communication skills of the participants. More than 120 participants participated in this workshop.









### FIT India Mini Marathon









As part of the FIT India Movement, IIT Bhubaneswar is organizing a week-long programme including various sports and fitness activities. The FIT India week began with a Mini Marathon held on 15th January 2024. Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar flagged off the mini marathon. Registrar Shri Bamadev Acharya was also present on the occasion and participated in the run. Students, faculty members and staff of the Institute participated in this event. Dr. Bankim Chandra Mandal, Nodal Officer, FIT India Movement coordinated the programme.









### Enthusiasm in the air

























Bonding through Knowledge



As part of a study tour, 34 students and two lecturers of Pattamundai College visited IIT Bhubaneswar Campus on 12th January 2024. They interacted with some faculty members of Mathematics at School of Basic Sciences and then visited the Central Library.





# Educational Trip by Unnat Bharat Abhiyan



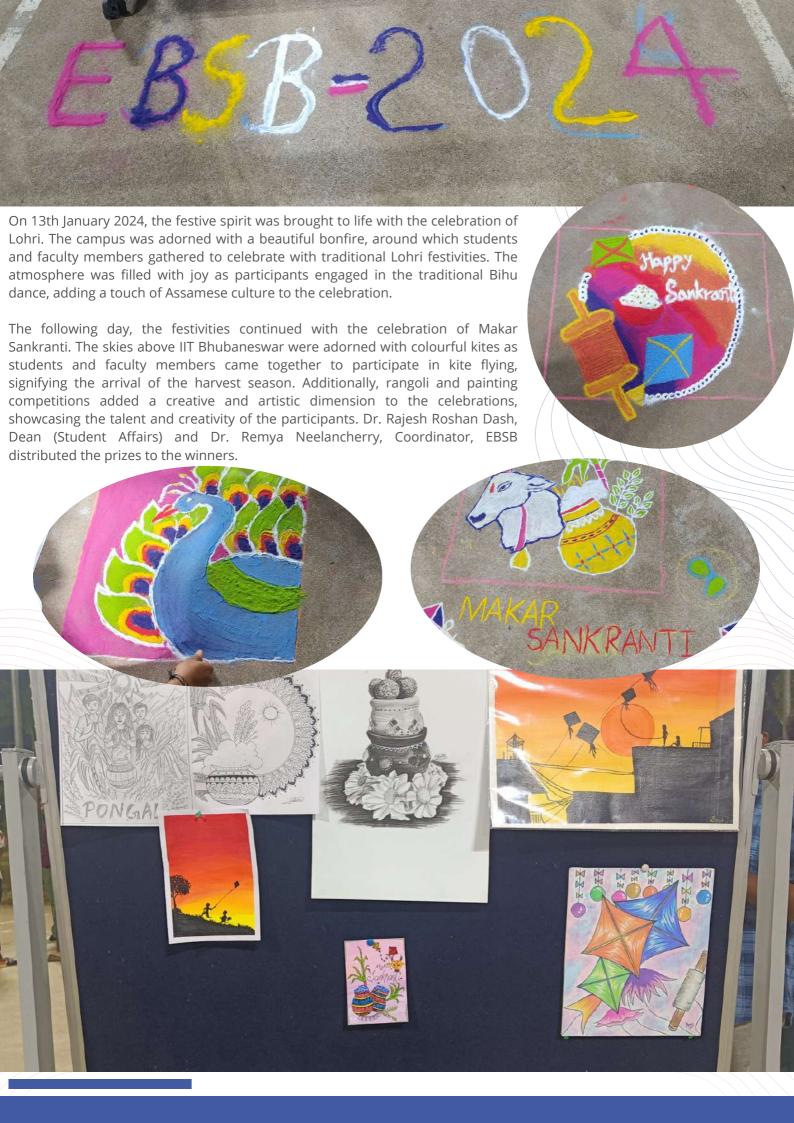
Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Team of IIT Bhubaneswar organized an educational trip for the students of Govt. U.P. School, Podapada to the Pathani Samanta Planetarium and the Regional Science Centre in Bhubaneswar. 43 students and 3 teachers joined the trip along with 9 UBA students and staff volunteers. The students enjoyed the trip and learnt

about astronomy and science.























The showcase of these diverse cultural celebrations under Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat programme provided a platform for fostering greater cultural exchange and understanding among the IIT Bhubaneswar community. These celebrations not only enriched the campus environment with a tapestry of traditions but also served to promote the rich cultural heritage of India in all its diversity.







#### Festive Fervour

Keeping up the festive spirit, the women members of IIT Bhubaneswar also celebrated Makar Sankranti on 15th January 2024. The event was hosted by Smt. Shruti Karmalkar, wife of the Director, wherein the women members and children of IIT Bhubaneswar Family took part in various activities and enjoyed the fun-filled evening.







