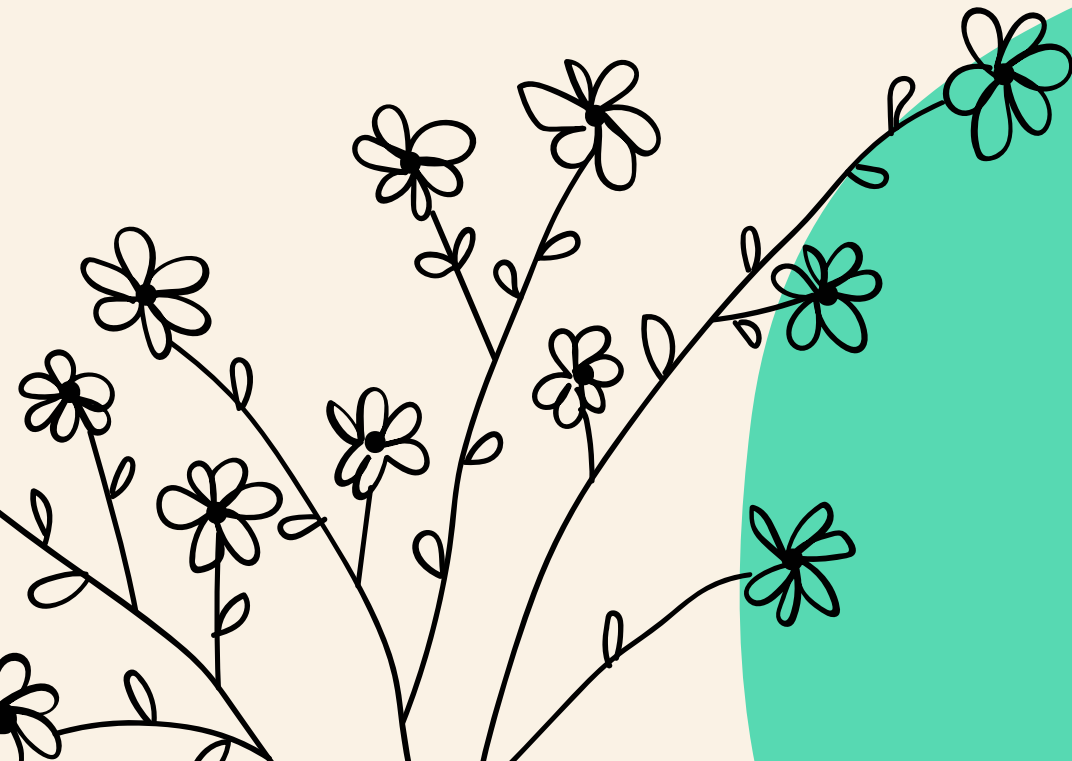




# Event Snapshots







# #InspireInclusion

## International Women's Day Celebrated

International Women's Day was celebrated in the Institute with the organisation of a function on 18th March 2024. The Women Welfare Committee (WWC) of the Institute organized the event in a grand scale. Professor (Dr) Sweta Singh, Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, AIIMS Bhubaneswar graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar highlighted that the enrollment of female students in technical education is on the rise in recent years as per different surveys. He said that various affirmative measures are being taken up to enhance the representation of women in different professions, apart from the conventional ones.



In her address, chief guest Professor (Dr) Sweta Singh presented elaborately on 'Inspire Inclusion: Supporting Women's Health'. She provided valuable information on health-related threats like Cervical Cancer, Breast Cancer. She also spoke on the care to be taken during pregnancy.

Dr. Manaswini Behera, Chairperson, Women Welfare Committee spoke on the various activities being taken up by the Committee to ensure the wellbeing of the female members of the Institute. Dr. Prama Bhattacharya, Member Secretary, WWC, proposed a vote of thanks.















# 'Konarka Manthan' Symposium

IIT Bhubaneswar has organized a one-day Symposium titled 'Konarka Manthan', dedicated to unraveling the mysteries behind the Building Materials and Architectural Marvels of the Sun Temple. Hosted by the School of Minerals, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering of IIT Bhubaneswar, the symposium delved into this intriguing subject, exploring one of the most outstanding engineering feats of ancient India. Prof. Kishore Kumar Basa, Chairperson of the National Monuments Authority (NMA), Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India; Dr. N. C Pal, OSD-cum-Engineer-in-Chief (Civil), PWD, Govt. of Odisha; and Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director of IIT Bhubaneswar, graced the inaugural session.



Dr. Soobhankar Pati, Convenor of the Symposium, delivered the welcome address, setting the tone for the program. Prof. Karmalkar highlighted the symposium's significance in not only showcasing architectural marvels but also celebrating the ingenuity of our ancestors. He emphasized the innovative use of locally available materials like stone and iron beams in constructing the Sun Temple, showcasing the region's rich technological heritage.

Prof. Basa delved into the historical perspective of monuments, stressing the importance of collective memory in understanding ancient constructions.







Dr. N. C. Pal discussed Kalinga Architecture and structural design concepts prevalent in ancient Odisha, emphasizing the use of corrosion-resistant materials in temple construction. Prof. O.N. Mohanty, via online mode, focused on Indian metallurgical science and the use of metals in ancient times, particularly discussing the corrosion-resistant properties of iron beams in monuments.



The technical session, led by experts such as Dr. Dibishada B. Garnayak, Dr. Sangeeta Mishra, Dr. Sunil Kumar Patnaik, and Dr. Siva Shankar Panda, covered topics ranging from iron making to the history of sun worship. Attendees gained insights into metallurgical practices, the quality of iron produced, and the architectural significance of the Sun Temple. Discussions on the types of bricks used in ancient temples and the utilization of iron in Buddhist sites further enriched scholarly discourse.

Dr. Naresh Chandra Sahu proposed a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of all involved. Dr. Parthasarathi De, Co-convener of the symposium was also involved in the organization of the program.







# Alma Fiesta organised in a grand scale

IIT Bhubaneswar has celebrated the 15th edition of the annual Social and Cultural festival Alma Fiest from 15th to 17th March 2024. This year's Social theme is "Dying art form" and the Cultural theme is "Enigmatic Paracosm Unraveling mystery at a time". Chief guest Mr. Raghunath Sahoo, an eminent artist of Odisha inaugurated the three-day event.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Raghunath Sahoo stressed on believing in and living the culture of our land in word and spirit. He highlighted the significance of the culture and tradition of our country and their relevance for human society. He urged the students to work towards respecting and preserving the culture of India, moving beyond organising cultural festivals.



Prof. Rajesh Roshan Dash shared the background of Alma Fiesta and wished a great success for this year's event. Dr. Santhoshkumar G, Chairperson, Alma Fiesta delivered the welcome address and introduced the event. Mr. Tejas Singh Rajput, Chief Coordinator, Alma Fiesta proposed a vote of thanks.







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The three-day fiesta showcased a host of events including several cultural performances, drama, dance, music, painting, and quiz competitions.







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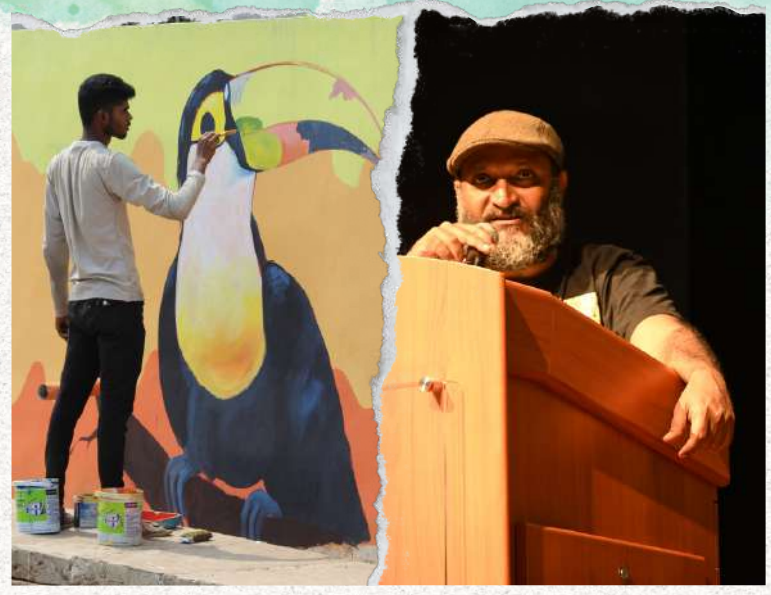


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# Talk on Glimpses of Bharatiya Traditional Technology

A talk on 'Glimpses of Bharatiya Traditional Technology' was organised on 19th March 2024. Prof. Debi Prasad Mishra, Director- NITTTTR Kolkata graced the occasion and enlightened the faculty members, staff and students of the Institute on the subject.



In the talk, Prof. Mishra said : “Modern technologies have created irrevocable damage not only to the ecology but also to the minds of human beings. As a result, there is a great threat to the very existence of life on this beautiful earth in the near future. This frightening scenario of extinction of life on this earth put forward by certain sections of the scientific community has been attributed to the excessive misuse of resources and modern technologies in the name of development. In order to overcome the imminent crisis of ecological imbalances, degradation of human values, and increasing social anarchies, it is important to peep into annals of sustainable technologies in ancient India.” In this lecture, he tried to illustrate about efficacies of ancient Indian technologies by considering a few examples.

He advocated to revive and rejuvenate ancient technologies in new and innovative forms to meet the demands of modern times so that ancient Indian technological heritage can be re-established for a bright future of our glorious motherland.







# Talk on Speculative Fiction: A Flight of Fancy or Holding a Mirror to Society

A talk on “Speculative Fiction: A Flight of Fancy or Holding a Mirror to Society” was organised by the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management, IIT Bhubaneswar, on 18th March 2024. The speaker Dr. Amarjeet Nayak, Faculty of English, NISER, addressed the research scholars and faculty members. He enlightened the audience about the history, origins and aspects of the related yet distinct genres of Speculative Fiction, Science Fiction and Fantasy.



The talk concluded with the understanding that Speculative and Science Fiction are legitimate fields of academic inquiry and offer endless possibilities for literary research.

The talk was coordinated by Dr. Amrita Satapathy and Dr. Ashna Jacob, on behalf of the school.







# Faculty Lounge at School of Basic Sciences

A Faculty Lounge has been inaugurated at School of Basic Sciences by Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, in the presence of Prof. Rajan Jha, Head of the School and other members of faculty. This lounge has been designed with equipment for refreshments and some indoor sports amenities to provide a cozy and vibrant place for the faculty members to pause and relax.








# Holi Celebration

'Arpan'- The Society for Spiritual & Religious Activities, celebrated Dola Mahotsav and Holi in the campus in a grand scale.







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