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## Alma Fiesta'20 starts off on a grand note

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**BHUBANESWAR:** Like every year, Alma Fiesta, the annual socio-cultural fest of IIT Bhubaneswar is back with its 11th edition with its cultural theme "India's Cultural Melange: A Voyage to India's Heritage Roots" and social theme "Jal Sanrakshit, Bhavishya Surakshit. The three-day fiesta was inaugurated by Dr. Kshiti Bhusan Das, Pro-Vice Chancellor, National Fellow (ICSSR), and the Chief Guest on the occasion.

The event was presided over by Prof RV Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar. Addressing the gathering, Prof Kumar, said, "Alma Fiesta— is the annual socio-cultural fest of IIT Bhubaneswar— has become a beacon of culture and it has made a mark unprecedented and unachievable by its contemporaries. There is a great sense of importance of Indian classical music and dance in today's times, and I urge each and every student to use the fine arts as a medium to enhance their technical creativity."

The inaugural session also involved the children's fest, "Bachpan Ka Rangmanch". More than 150 orphanage children participated in events ranging from music and dance competition, musical chairs, poster making, dumb charades, book balancing, essay recitals, and many more fun activities organised specially for them with a motto to give them a day of profound happiness. The underprivileged children were also provided with single day meal. This was followed by prize distribution ceremony for the participating children.

