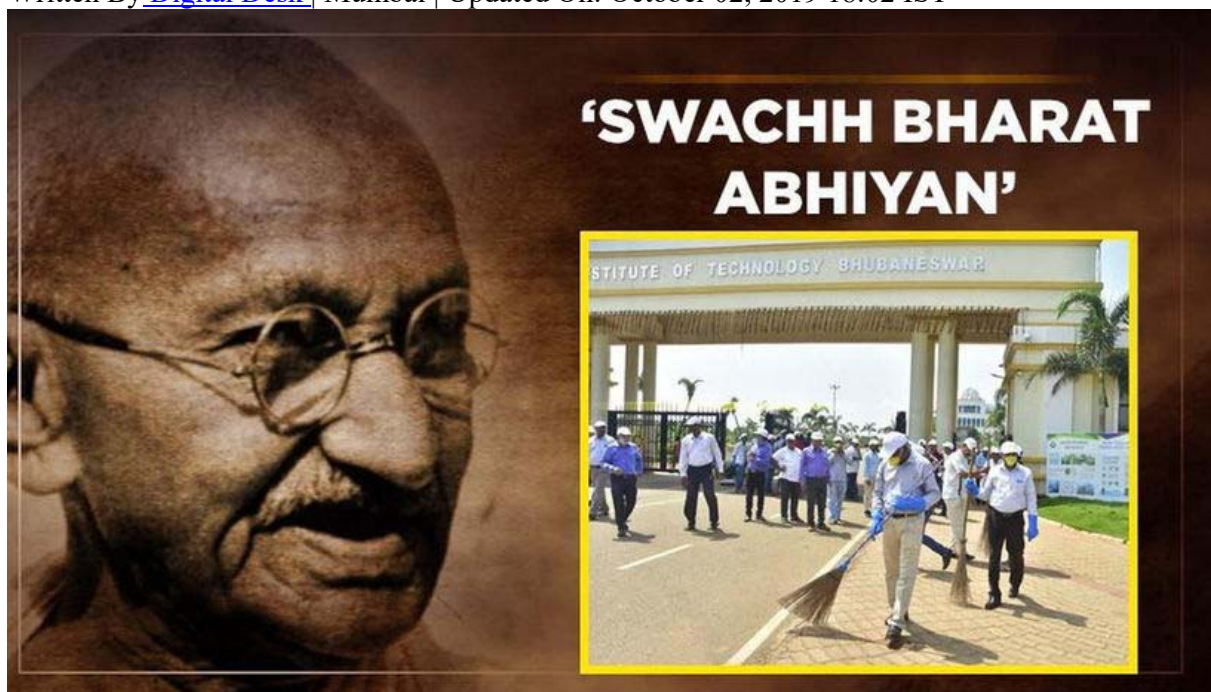


Gandhi Jayanti: IIT Bhubaneswar Observes Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

General News

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The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Bhubaneswar has observed Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on October 2 to mark the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi. Students, faculty and staff members of IIT Bhubaneswar participated in the cleanliness drive outside the campus as a part of "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan". Professor RV Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar offered flowers in tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

'Work for the prosperity of our country'

The Director, in his speech, has spoken about the basic foundations of the Gandhian philosophy with an emphasis on non-violence and truth. "Gandhiji, a great thinker, a philosopher and the Father of our Nation, continues to be the embodiment of great leadership, simplicity, and satyagraha," Professor Kumar said urging everybody to derive inspiration from this great personality. On this occasion, he asked each one of them to stand up for the values of Gandhian

philosophy and work towards the prosperity of the nation. "On this Gandhi Jayanti, which is also the Jayanti day of Lal Bahadur Shastri, another great leader and the 2nd Prime Minister of India, we pay homage to them and renew our resolve to stand up for the values of Gandhian philosophy and work for the prosperity of our country," said Professor Kumar.

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The Director also took this opportunity to call upon every IITian to join the noble initiative announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi by committing towards the "Swachhata" of the nation starting from their own premises. The students of IIT Bhubaneswar also presented a short skit based on the theme of cleanliness. They also distributed cloth bags in nearby villages — Argul, Kansapad, Podapoda, Khudupur, Padanpur — and requested them to stop using plastic bags. Also dustbins were distributed to shop owners in jatni and nearby the campus as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan.

The "Swachhta" pledge was administered by the Registrar of IIT Bhubaneswar.