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Hackathon on VR & AR at IIT Bhubaneswar

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IIT Bhubaneswar in association with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), and the state government hosted a conclave on Hackathon on Virtual and Augmented Reality.

Omkar Rai, DG, STPI, Manoj Kumar Mishra, IRTS, Secretary, E&IT Department and Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar addressed the inaugural ceremony.

Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar emphasized the importance of new age technologies such as Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of things (IOT) and 5G communication.

He said that the Hackathon is conceptualized to encourage creativity and technology development amongst the engineering students across the country, in AR-VR. He also briefed about the research activity taking place in the Institute in these core areas.

He appreciated the philanthropic support from Ms

Susmita Bagchi, Subroto Bagchi, Odisha Skill Development Authority, MSME department.

VARCoE focuses on creating an ecosystem for carrying out R&D in AR-VR, immersive visualization and applications, giving impetus to skill development, manpower creation through innovative education program.

The goal of the conclave and hackathon is to gather people with different backgrounds and experiences to work together in teams and create disruptive and inspiring products/solutions for use in every field of imagination in the AR/VR domain.

Prof. PK Sahu, Professor-in-charge, VARCoE, Prof. M. Sabarimalai Manikandan Organizing Committee Member, VARCoE, IIT Bhubaneswar, Mr. Manas Panda, Director, STPI Bhubaneswar and Mr. Prasant Biswal, Evangelist, Startup Odisha Secretariat, IEDO, Bhubaneswar addressed the gathering. The Conclave and Hackathon includes several guest talks, interactive sessions, workshops by student teams.

