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IIT-Bhub co-hosts 54th sports meet

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Bhubaneswar, Dec 15: The 54th Inter-IIT sports meet was inaugurated at IIT-Bhubaneswar here, Sunday. The event is considered historically significance as IIT-Bhubaneswar is the first among the second generation IITs to co-host the event.

While eight sports are organised by IIT-Kharagpur, four are co-hosted by IIT-Bhubaneswar. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Minister Pratap Chandra Sarangi graced the inaugural event as the chief guest, while sprinter Dutee Chand attended the occasion as guest of honour.

Presiding over the event IIT-Bhubaneswar director RV Raja Kumar said, "It's well known that sports have a positive influence on the personal and moral development of youth. Sports being a positive alternative in the daily lives of students, serve as a recreation

which develops self-esteem, discipline and responsibility among them."

With rising number of students and staff, the Inter-IIT sports meet has been transforming into a mega extravaganza over the last few decades. With 22 IITs participating in the event, it is for the first time in the history of the Inter-IIT that a new generation IIT is co-hosting the event along with a senior IIT.

"I am very happy that we could bring IIT-Bhubaneswar level to that of a senior IIT where we can hold an Inter-IIT sports meet and organise it in high standards. It gives me immense satisfaction to see that the institute has grown to a level of hosting such major events. I hope that this sports meet will bring the students, faculty members and staff of all IITs together for upholding the sportsman spirit and betterment of the society," Kumar added.



Union Minister Pratap Chandra Sarangi and others at the event

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