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IITBBS cultural fest starts with a bang

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Bhubaneswar: Alma Fiesta, the annual socio-cultural festival of IIT Bhubaneswar, kicked off here Friday with great fanfare and hoopla.

While its cultural theme is 'India's Cultural Melange: A Voyage to India's Heritage Roots, the social theme of the three-day event is 'Jal Sanrakshit, Bhavishya Surakshit'.

Kshiti Bhusan Das, pro-vice chancellor of Ignou, inaugurated the function.

IIT Bhubaneswar director R V Raja Kumar said Alma Fiesta has become a beacon of culture and has made a mark. "There is a great sense of importance for In-

dian classical music and dance in today's times, and I urge each and every student to use fine arts as a medium to enhance their technical creativity," said the director.

The inaugural session included a children's festival, Bachpan Ka Rangmanch. More than 150 orphan children participated in the event, including mu-

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sic and dance competi-

tion, musical chairs, poster making, dumb charades, book balancing, and essay recitals.

The fest includes dance, music, dramatics and fine arts, literary and technical workshops such as Android App development and self-driving cars, star nights, cyber crusades, etc.