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IIT Bhubaneswar Foundation Day

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Mr. Subroto Bagchi, Chairman, Odisha Skill Development Authority stressed on creation of memorability and emotional infrastructure going beyond physical intellectual, digital infrastructure.

He was delivering the Foundation Day lecture at IIT Bhubaneswar when he said the base is physical infrastructure and physical infrastructure can be created by anyone.

But beyond physical infrastructure comes the digital infrastructure in this world. But differentiation comes when they build Intellectual infrastructure is what makes one Institution different from the other institution.

The difference between all premier Institutions like IIT is their Intellectual Infrastructure which they have built over a period of time.

Intellectual infrastructure even if it gives differentiation but in today's world which is hyper connected differentiation is very temporal.

Earlier differentiation used to last for ages but in today world of internet connectivity, it has



a very short span of time.

When we built educational Institutions in research, differentiation alone is not enough, we need to think beyond it and create memorability and IITs truly define memorability.

To build memorability, educational Institution must go well beyond the physical, intellectual, digital infrastructure and it needs to create what we call as emotional infrastructure.

The IIT's, NIT's, Stanfords, Harvards of the world not just about physical, digital and intellectual infrastructure, they

actually stand for something that is called emotional infrastructure.

Mr. Subroto Bagchi also talked about adversity and considering it as an opportunity as it give character. He emphasised on vision, leadership backed by strong research, uniqueness of rituals. Prof. R V Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar said "IIT Bhubaneswar has been prominent among the second generation IITs with largest student intake, prominent rankings across all international and national frame-

works.

Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Biswabhusan Harichandan who inaugurated the Foundation Day function said IIT Bhubaneswar has, in a short period of time emerged as a leading institution and has started new Schools and new academic programmes on par with any other similar Institutions known for several decades in this country." I am delighted to learn that the Institute has made its presence known globally by taking commendable proactive steps in getting international faculty and international collaborative projects", he said.

He called upon IITians to be technological leaders and social entrepreneurs and be the change agents to transform our country to be one of the most developed countries of the world.

The day witnessed successful execution and organizing of Open Day and Exhibition in the campus spanning across all of its schools which attracted active participation from students of various Schools and Colleges within and outside Odisha.