

## IIT BBS mulls course in local language

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The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar celebrated the Matrubhasha Diwas with focus on the theme of this year, ‘Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society.’

The chief guest on the occasion was Chairperson, Mo School, Government of Odisha, Susmita Bagchi. IIT Director Prof RV Raja Kumar directed. Speaking on the occasion, Prof RV Rajakumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar said, “We too at IIT Bhubaneswar are thinking of some inclusions and coming up with course in the local language.

I would like to urge the students that as they pursue their education and research, carry along the merits of their mother tongue too, so that the seed that is sown today bears very nutritious fruits for our history, our culture, our heritage and nation one day.” Bagchi said while learning the local language is very much desirable for outsiders, being parochial about your mother tongue may not be desirable at all. “Knowing your mother tongue is very essential as it help in framing of culture. They give shape to our thoughts and it conveys what our soul feels. It is my proud privilege to say that we are a nation blessed with many mother tongues,” she told.

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