



## Open Day for tech lovers

### Express Features

**T**he third edition of IIT Bhubaneswar's Open Day and science and technology exhibition will be held on February 12. It's also the foundation day for the institute, which is likely to witness a footfall of more than 10,000 students from different schools and colleges in the State.

As part of the grand exhibition, the students of the institute and its faculty members will showcase various science and technology initiatives undertaken in different areas, such as energy, materials, healthcare, engineering, physics, chemistry and biosciences. The exhibitors will have made more than 250 live experiment set-ups and models for simplifying critical concepts. The idea of hosting an Open Day was first floated by IIT



Bhubaneswar Director Prof RV Rajakumar on the eve of 10th Foundation Day celebration to promote scientific talent and inspire students of the hinterland at an early stage.

"This will be an 'Open to all' platform, where Institute will showcase its latest science and technology prowess to the visiting students through easy to understand, and interactive sessions. The best part of the event is that the students can spend their time in the Institute for a full day and witness the scientific projects at the exhibition," the director said.

Meanwhile, the Foundation Day programme will be inaugurated by Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Biswabhusan Harichandan.

### Past expo

Earlier, the institute had hosted several interesting exhibits from ISRO during its annual tech and cultural festival, Wissenaire this year. ISRO scientists Amitabh Mohanty and Asish Ghosh had visited the campus along with other team members to exhibit 25 set-ups, including 12 models of various satellites made by ISRO. They showcased live models as well static models.

There were models of vehicles like SLV, ASLV, PSLV, VSLV Mark 1 and VSLV Mark 3. A working model of the second launch pad was also displayed. Besides, there were other attractions like satellite Aryabhata, Chandrayan-1, Mars Mission, Hi-IS, Ri-Sat models.