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## Three-day meet on virtual & augmented reality at IITBBS

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**Bhubaneswar:** The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar in association with the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) and the state information and technology department began a three-day conclave and hackathon on virtual and augmented reality.

The objective of the conclave and hackathon, that started on Friday, is to gather people and experts from different backgrounds and experiences to work together in teams and create inspiring products or come up with innovative solutions for the use in every field of imagination in the domains of augmented and virtual reality.

Inaugurating the conclave, IIT Bhubaneswar director RV Raja Kumar said new age technologies such as augmented reality and virtual reality, artificial intelligence, Internet of Things and 5G communication are the current trends in IT, where systems are being developed to incorporate these.

"The hackathon is conceptualized to encourage the creativity and technology development among engineering students across the country. IIT Bhubaneswar is constantly working in the field of these new age technologies and has also set up a centre of excellence in artificial and virtual reality at the institute," he said.

IIT administrators said the centre focuses on creating an ecosystem for carrying out research in augmented and virtual reality, immersive visualization and applications, giving impetus to skill development, manpower creation through innovative education programme and foster technology incubation and entrepreneurship.

The conclave and hackathon will include guest talks, interactive sessions and workshops by student teams.



IIT director RV Rajakumar lights the lamp to inaugurate E-Summit 20 at IIT Bhubaneswar on Friday