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WISSENAIRE'20 - THE TECHNO MANAGEMENT FEST OF IIT BHUBANESWAR STARTS OFF ON POSITIVE NOTE

Bhubaneswar, Jan 31 (TNB): IIT Bhubaneswar successfully inaugurated the 10th edition of the popular Techno-management fest "Wissenaire'20", based on the theme, Cosmic Expeditions: Astounding Odysseys Ensuring Humanity's Existence. Dr. Manas Kumar Mandal, Former Director General (Life Sciences), Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) - was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The event was presided over by Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar. The event is being organized by the Wissenaire committee comprising of students of IIT Bhubaneswar coordinated by Mr. Tarun Guguloth, Chief Coordinator, Wissenaire'20. The event commenced with lamp lighting ceremony where Prof. R V

Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar accompanied by the Chief Guest ignited the lamp followed by a welcome address by Dr. Srinivasa Ramanujam Kannan, Chairman Wissenaire'20. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar says, "Wissenaire'20 with a range of new events, exclusive lectures by tech-giants and innovators, and inspiring sessions has emerged as fest par hitherto in East India. Encompassing various sectors of technology, science and management this three-day extravaganza manoeuvres it's participants through the world of futuristic technologies. Our Students have been organizing the events with passion and in high standards by providing an outstanding platform for students of our hinterland to showcase their techno managerial skills. This year too with a

unique theme based on Cosmic Expeditions: Astounding Odysseys Ensuring Humanity's Existence, it is sure to enthral the audiences with its innovative ideas and knowledge sharing. What excites IIT Bhubaneswar the most about space technologies is that it's an opportunity for us to put the best of humanity forward into the future. The three day long fest which brings the best of technological minds together will definitely lead to fruitful outcomes that would benefit the society. I wish the fest a grand success, an immensely fruitful time for the participants during the same and congratulate the organizing team of Wissenaire'20" Dr. Manas Kumar Mandal, Former Director General (Life Sciences), DRDO emphasized the potential of new age space technologies in solving some of the crucial challenges associ-

ated with manned space missions. He quoted some real time experiences and gave valuable insights on the importance of innovation and technology in shaping up the future. He also mentioned that Wissenaire'20 is one event which can provide a sneak peek into the present and future of the technological world. The three day techno management fest (31st Jan-2nd Feb, 2020) will include exhibits from the DRDO and ISRO, the Indian Army and various other gadgets and innovations during the 3 days of the fest along with a series of talks on the second day tagged "TekNite". The Teknite will witness the likes of Abhinay Bhasin, Director (Data sciences) Dentsu Aegis Network and Gururaj Rao, IBM Systems Chief Engineer. The second day will include an informal night in the form of a Stand-

up session by Shashwat Maheswari, renowned stand-up comedian. Central events include 'YANTHRIX' the robotic events & competition and workshops on IoT, Web development, Mercedes engine analysis, Bridge design etc said Dr. S.R. Kannan, Chairman, Wissenaire'20. The concluding day of Wissenaire' 20 will be marked by live performance by Dhvan Bhanushali of the 'Vaastu' fame. Also present at the event were Prof. R.K Panda, Dean Alumni Affairs and International Relations, Prof. Sujit Roy, Dean R & D, Prof. V.R Pedireddi, Dean Student Affairs and Col (Dr Subodh Kumar, Registrar IIT Bhubaneswar. The inaugural ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Tarun Guguloth, Chief Coordinator, Wissenaire'20.