



Workshop, hackathon, startup colloquium held at IIT BBS

On AR-VR

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The IIT Bhubaneswar in association with the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), MeitY and the Government of Odisha held a two-day (April 9-10) workshop, hackathon and start-up colloquium on hybrid mode.

The inaugural ceremony of the conclave and hackathon was inaugurated by Director General, STPI and chief guest of the event Dr Omkar Rai via video conferencing. The event was presided over by Director, IIT Bhubaneswar Prof RV Raja Kumar and participants were

welcomed by Dean Alumni Affairs and International Relations, IIT Bhubaneswar, Prof RK Panda.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Raja Kumar said that taking into consideration the two clarion calls, "Make in India" and "Aatma Nirbhar Bharat" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, there was a need felt for creation of an ecosystem for manufacturing, research and development activities and creation of leadership in the core areas of AR-VR. A CoE in this important area was created at the Research and Entrepreneurship Park (REP) of IIT Bhubaneswar for activities majorly focussing on manufacturing along with research

and development in the areas of AR-VR. Chief Guest Dr Rai spoke in details about the role of technology in addressing the gravest challenges of the world by delivering path breaking solutions. He also complimented IIT Bhubaneswar and the leadership of Prof Raja Kumar for the exemplary work in the domains of AR-VR. He also mentioned about the CoE being the first of its kind in the country and foreseeing it as a leader in the coming times.

The conclave and hackathon included several guest talks, interactive sessions, workshops by student teams. The talks and sessions was followed by award ceremony.