



# **Anti-Terrorism Day Celebrated at IIT Bhubaneswar**

May 21, 2019

Bhubaneswar: IIT Bhubaneswar observed Anti-Terrorism Day on May 21, 2019. The pledge led by Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director IIT Bhubaneswar was taken by Deans, Registrar, Heads of Schools, Faculty and Staff members to 'fight the forces of disruption threatening human lives and values'. The objective behind observance of this day was to wean away the youth from terrorism and the cult of violence by highlighting the sufferings of common people and showing as to how it is prejudicial to the human interest and humanity. India has been one of the countries that have been affected by sustained terrorist activities.

Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar addressing the audience on the occasion said that the scourge of terrorism affects innocent lives across the globe. He emphasized that our country believes in the concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", a philosophy that tries to foster an understanding that the whole of humanity is one family, in true spirits and never exhibited territorial interests in the history and never supported terrorism. He called upon to express his solidarity to fight against the forces of disruption threatening human lives and values in all its forms and manifestations, and to disseminate the message of universal peace, social harmony and understanding among all fellow human beings. An educational Institution has the opportunity in educating and sensitizing the students in large numbers about the terrorism menace. As a premier technical institution of the country, we can also help develop effective technologies which can help to detect and counter terrorist activities well in advance.

This year's event assumed special significance in the light of deplorable terrorist attacks in Pulwama region of Jammu and Kashmir killing 40 CRPF paramilitary troopers on February 14, 2019 and the Sri Lankan bombings. The event was well attended in large nos., by everyone.