

IIT conference on maths and reality

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Bhubaneswar: The correlation between Mathematics and reality was discussed at a two-day conference hosted at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) here on Saturday.

The conference hosted by Bhaktivedanta Institute attempts to target three major themes — philosophical foundations of mathematics to gain deeper and profound understanding of the reality, mathematical exploration of consciousness and mathematics and its foundational correlation with the theistic views of Vedanta and other theological disciplines.

Governor Ganeshi Lal inaugurated the conference. He recollected his own experience as a mathematician both as a student and as a teacher and encouraged the themes of the conference because these topics were not the part of conventional curriculum, however, had important implications and relevance in real life.

He also discussed the importance of Bhagwat Gita in search of reality while addressing the gathering of young minds that arrived not only from different parts of the country but also across the world. President of Bhaktivedanta Institute K. Vasudev Rao read the message of Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent to the conference for the participants and delegates.

Students, research scholars, faculty members from various academic and re-



Governor Ganeshi Lal and other delegates at the two-day IIT conference in Bhubaneswar on Saturday. Telegraph picture

search institutions took part in the academic event. These include delegates from IITs, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Institute of Science Education and Research (Niser), Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (Iiser) Calcutta, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Utkal University and other reputed organisations and institutions in and around Odisha.

The conference hosted two important sessions with participation from young scholars of India namely Quick Thoughts on Mathematics and Reality and a Workshop on Holistic Living and Practical Spirituality for students.

Mentors from the Bhaktivedanta Institute and young research scholars involved with deep research in the field of mathematics and reality hosted these sessions and de-

liberations.

“Often, mathematical discoveries are taken for granted and their foundations are not explored thoroughly to delve deep into the associated linkages with philosophical, mystical and spiritual dimensions of the reality. It is well known that the founding fathers in mathematics, science, philosophy and spirituality have always regarded consciousness as an important subject or theme in the reality,” said RV Rama Kumar, director of IIT, Bhubaneswar.

The conference also launched a short-term course on science and spirituality that was developed by the members of the Bhaktivedanta Institute.

The short-term course promotes philosophical and spiritual foundations in the younger generation through a greater interaction.