

IITBBS celebrates foundation day with science demos

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Bhubaneswar: More than 5,000 students from different schools across the state got the chance to witness 207 live demos and experiments conducted by the students of Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar (IITBBS) on Tuesday. IITBBS had organised the grand science and technology exhibition, "The Open Day", as part of its 11th Foundation Day on its campus in Argul.

While inaugurating the event, governor Ganeshi Lal said students should focus on spiritual and inner development for the sake of science education. "The young minds should focus. They need to realise their inner strength for success," Lal said.

On the occasion, IITBBS director R V Raja Kumar said, "The institute has grown from strength to strength by improving on all fronts and placing itself in a good position both in national and international rankings. The success of students is the key to growth of an institution and our students have made us proud."

S Christopher, former chairman, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) gave a presentation on airborne warning and control system and its operation in the defence

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sector. He advised the students to be strong and smart like the operating system of a defence missile that knows its target.

Apart from students from various schools and colleges in and around Bhubaneswar, many from Bhubaneswar, Balasore and Rayagada also visited the institute. About 400 students and 100 faculty members of the institute put up the exhibition. "The aim was to attract schoolchildren to the sphere of science and technology, especially girl students from remote localities," the director added.

During the day, the institute also felicitated students and faculty for their outstanding contribution in the field. As many as nine students and faculty were awarded by the chief guest at the event.