## <u>Press Release</u>

## IIT Bhubaneswar started first GIAN course



The GIAN (Global Initiative on Academic Network) programme has been initiated at IIT Bhubaneswar with the inauguration of the first course titled "Soil Structure Interaction" organized by the School of Infrastructure on 28th the Dec 2015. Under this flagship programme of Govt. of India, the objective is to garner the best international expertise into our systems of education by enabling exposure of students and faculty with the academic and industrial available globally.

## This course will involve:

- Highlight of the field conditions which requires the consideration of soil-structure interaction (SSI)
- Provide guidance on the soil behaviour and modelling parameters for SSI
- Expose the participants to various numerical tools available to model soil-structure interaction problem with various examples and case studies.

During the inauguration, Prof. V R Pedireddi, Dean of Continuing Education, Prof. R. K. Panda, Head of the School of Infrastructure, Dr. S.R. Dash, the course coordinator and Prof. Subhamoy Bhattacharya, the international guest faculty, from University of Surrey, UK; were present along with faculty members of the Institute and participants from different IITs, NITs and other Institutions.

Prof. R V Raja Kumar, Director IIT Bhubaneswar acknowledged that GIAN is an interesting flag ship programme of the MHRD aimed at providing scope to invite very acclaimed professionals from across the globe to visit and teach a short course at an IIT and said that the present course is the first of 6 such courses allotted to IIT Bhubaneswar under GIAN.