

## Press Release



IIT Bhubaneswar in collaboration with Planning and Coordination Dept, Govt. of Odisha organized a workshop on "Innovative and Sustainable Energy Technologies- **iSET-01**" on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2015. The main objective of the workshop was to bring together policymakers, industrialists, entrepreneurs, scientists and academicians together to discuss the pressing issue of energy sustainability and prepare a roadmap for encouraging innovation in sustainable energy technologies.

Hon'able Minister, Smt Usha Devi, Women & Child Development and Planning & Coordination attended the meeting and encouraged the participants to innovate as it is the only way to achieve sustainability. Sri R. Balakrishnan, DC cum ACS, Sri Vinod Kumar, OSD, P&C Dept and Dr. N.K Panda, Joint Director, P&C Dept addressed the participants. Sri Balakrishnan discussed the catastrophe of climate change that is brought about by using fossil fuel based energy sources and the importance of being frugal in using natural resources. Other dignitaries of Govt. of Odisha laid down the efforts that the state government is doing to encourage innovation.

Prof. Anil Gupta, IIM Ahmedabad, Chief Guest at the occasion, emphasized the need to foster innovation at the grassroots as there is plenty of untapped talent at the bottom of the pyramid. Dr. S. B. Singh, Director NRML, DRDO, Guest of Honour, encouraged the young innovators present at the workshop to think beyond the box and find solutions to problems that we are facing as a society.

At the meeting Prof. R.V Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar stated that energy in general and renewable energy in particular is a thrust area of research at IIT Bhubaneswar. Our faculty members are already engaged in carrying out effective sponsored research through several important projects and we are going to further enhance the intensity of research in this important area. He also highlighted that IIT Bhubaneswar has adopted 5 villages as part of its commitment to bring about transformational change and accelerate development in rural Odisha. The workshop concluded with a valedictory function in which Prof. Anil felicitated school children from all around Odisha for their innovative projects.