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Press Release

The School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Management, IIT Bhubaneswar in collaboration with Corporate Social Responsibility, Tata Steel organized a one day Academic Conference titled “Samvaad: A Tribal Conclave” on November 10, 2018 at its permanent campus in Argul.

The Conference was inaugurated by Professor R.V. Rajakumar, Director IIT BBS, who was the Chief Guest of the function and was presided by Prof. S.K. Mahapatra, Dean Continuing Education.

The program began with the welcome address by the Academic Coordinator, School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Management, Prof. Godabarisha Mishra. This was followed by the inaugural address by the Director.

In his very informative and enlightening speech, Professor R.V. Rajakumar highlighted the various aspects of tribal welfare including the need for an aggressive and proactive program for inclusivity and a serious necessity for providing access to quality education. He also stressed upon the need for carrying out further research on tribal medicine, culture and linguistics. In addition, he related his personal experience as the founding Vice Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies, Telengana, where he made all efforts towards the inclusion of students from rural areas including those of tribal community.

Mr. Sourav Roy, Chief, Corporate Social Responsibility, Tata Steel, in his speech, stressed on the tribal studies and research and the role TATA STEEL has been playing in promoting awareness on tribalism. A formal vote of thanks was proposed by the Academic Coordinator, School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Management, Prof. Godabarisha Mishra.

A total of 14 presentations by various participants from across the country was scheduled in the morning and afternoon sessions. The papers dealt with various tribal issues, social political, ecological, cultural, linguistics, ethnographical and economic aspects relating to tribal communities of India. The jury for the presentations were Dr. Dukhabandhu Sahoo, Dr. Naresh Chandra Sahu from the School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Management, IIT Bhubaneswar and Dr. Ambika Prasad Nanda, Head of CSR, Tata Steel.

