



**Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar  
Matribhasa Diwas (Mother Tongue Day) celebrated  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Title: Matribhasa Diwas celebrated with utmost dignity and respect  
at IIT Bhubaneshwar**

**21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 2019, Bhubaneshwar:** Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneshwar celebrated the Matribhasa Diwas at its Community Center located in its sprawling Argul Campus on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 2019 at 4:30 PM to commemorate the International Mother Language day- a day dedicated to promote the dissemination of mother tongues and fuller awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue.

The programme was graced by Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Honorable Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, Dr. Prof. Jatindra Kumar Nayak, Eminent Writer and Retired Professor in English, Utkal University, who was also the Chief Guest for the evening along with Prof. R.K. Panda, Dean, Research and Development, IIT Bhubaneshwar.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. R.V. Rajakumar says, "*Bhasha is not just a means for communicating, it has expressions of emotions, heritage and culture of the land attached to it. India is a land of rich linguistic diversity. This multilingualism is an asset we have inherited and is, in fact, a resource for each one of us. We can confidently say that all the mother tongues of this country are various expressions of a single soul and each one of us should be proud of this fact.*"

Mr. Jatindra Kumar Nayak addressing the audience stressed on the fact that Orrisa being the only state born out of language agitation, known for its linguistic diversity, rich culture and tribal dialects continuing since 2000 B.C (Buddhist Era) is today facing threat owing to globalization. He gave special credits to IIT-Bhubaneshwar being the premier Institutions for celebrating Matribhasa Diwas at its campus. He also emphasized the need for knowing one's Mother Tongue, feeling proud about it and promoting it from getting extinct.

The programme witnessed cultural performance by students, staff and faculty members and their wards in different languages. Vote of thanks was done by the Public Relation Officer. (PRO)



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