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IIT Bhubaneswar celebrates International Women's Day at its Campus

8th March, 2019, Bhubaneswar: International Women's Day is celebrated on 8th March every year to celebrate the womanhood and is a time to reflect courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. IIT Bhubaneswar too celebrated International Woman's day at its Community Centre located at its Argul Campus. This year's theme for International Women Day , "*Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change*" explores the way in which innovation can work for gender equality, boost investment in gender responsive social systems and enhance public services and infrastructure that the meets the need of women.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Honorable Director, IIT Bhubaneswar says, "*International Women's Day encourages us all to reflect on the importance of gender equality, to celebrate the successes of women, and to acknowledge the work that is still left to be done. Today fortunately the country has come up with a mechanism for rise in seats of women for education, so we look forward to have an increasing ratio of women going forward. With women being the main link for the family and connection to the community, there remains a great deal of work to be done to ensure equal rights in all aspects of life*".

The Chief Guest of the evening Ms. Amrita Dash, Assistant Director, National Police Academy, Hyderabad expressed her heartiest congratulations to the students and faculties for toiling hard to reach IIT Bhubaneswar-the elite class institution of the country along with special mention to Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Honorable Director, IIT Bhubaneswar for his valuable guidance as a fellow teacher. She appealed to the audiences to bring the children into a genderless womanhood by breaking the stereotypes of today, ready to accept the path of change and living up with challenges every day.

The celebration was a three day affair starting from 6th March to 8th March with a series of activities ranging from debate, poetry writing on first day followed by a talk on the topic, "Handling Relationship" by Dr. Gagandeep Kaur Makar, Student Counsellor, IIT Bhubaneswar, slogan writing and quiz on the second day. The event final day witnessed the presence from Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Honorable Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, Chief Guest Ms. Amrita Dash, Assistant Director, NPA, Hyderabad along with Ms. Remya Neelancherry, Chairperson, Women Welfare Committee (WWC).

The event was followed by the illumination of the lamp, prize distribution, cultural programs followed by vote of thanks by student co-ordinator, WWC, IIT Bhubaneswar.



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The first prize winner for poster (digital) was won by Madhukrishna Priyadarsini and Pratik Kumar Padhee being the runner up. For the short film, the first prize was won by Pathuri Jitendra Tirumala and Gopinadh Vennagiri being the runner up. The first prize for painting was won by Himani Narjinari and the runner up being Piyush Raut. For the debate, the first prize was won by Chinmay Gupta and Ajit Kumar Nayak being the runner up. For the poetry, the first prize was won by Navinya Chirmurkar and Harsh Mantri being the runner up. For Quiz, the first prize was won by Prudhvi and Sarthak being the runner-up. Last but not the least, for the slogan writing, the first prize was won by Pruther and Pragna Parimita Mishra being the runner up.