

## IIT records intake high

**SANDEEP MISHRA**

**Bhubaneswar:** The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar, which has been making rapid strides, has seen a rise in student intake in various courses this academic year.

The institute, which has 369 seats in BTech courses, has already admitted 354 students. Besides, five students have joined the preparatory courses and will join the institute next year.

Of the 95 seats offered in MSc courses, the institute has admitted 75 students, while for MTech programmes, the number stands at 156 against 160 seats. Fifty-eight scholars have already joined the institute in PhD courses in various disciplines.

The institute offers six BTech, nine dual degree, five MSc, and 11 MTech programmes and PhD in its seven schools. The institute recorded a rise in admission for MSc, MTech and PhD programme over the previous years by seven, 15 and 95 per cent respectively.

In order to encourage more girls to pursue higher studies, 19 students were offered seats on a supernumerary basis. They have joined the undergraduate courses over and above the sanctioned strength, taking the total number of girl students to 55 and 15 per cent of the class.

"This academic year, we have introduced a new MTech



**IIT Bhubaneswar director  
Ratnam Vadra Raja Kumar.**

Picture by Ashwinee Pati

course in computer science and engineering with two sub-specialisations such as cyber security and forensics and data analytics and machine intelligence. With the introduction of new courses, we will see a rise in admission," said an institute administrator.

IIT director Ratnam Vadra Raja Kumar said the rise in admission percentage was satisfying. "This year, there has been a rise in the total number of seats in the IIT. We will take steps to continue this trend for the institute in order to join the elite IIT club in a few years," said Raja Kumar.

He said the institute aimed to develop and pursue dynamic and flexible curricula to facilitate creativity and cognitive thinking among students. "Students are exposed to a wide variety of activities through societies and clubs. We want to develop the institute in this manner and continue to provide quality education," he said.

# Number of girl students in IIT-BBS rises to 15%

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar:** The Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar (IIT-BBS) has a reason to cheer as the number of girl students having taken admission to the institute this year has touched 15%. The number of girl students in undergraduate courses was around 9% last year, official sources said.

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cord admission of girls in our institute in the last 10 years. With an aim to reduce gender-gap and to provide equity of access to female students, the institute has included 22 supernumerary seats for girls in different BTech courses, which led to the overall rise in number of girls in the courses," Prof Raja Kumarm, director of IITBBS, said.

Of the total 354 BTech seats, 55 have been taken up by girls this year. This in-



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cludes 19 supernumerary seats. Official sources said of the 338 seats last year, 32 were taken up by girls.

"The ministry of human resources development (MHRD) has decided to increase the seats for girls in IITs with an aim to increase the percentage of women students to 14 per man by 2026. I am hopeful of achieving this soon," Kumar said.

This apart, there has been a steep rise in the seats of other courses like MSc, MTech and PhD programmes being filled up by 7%, 15% and 95%, respectively. Among the undergradu-

ate courses computer science, electronics and communication, electrical engineering are the most sought after subjects.

Better ranking students joined the institute this year compared to last year. In fact, till two years ago the closing ranks for admissions have been falling continuously. Last year, the institute had recorded a first-time improvement in ranks by a small margin. This time, the improvement is by as many as 300 ranks, despite increased seats and it is very significant, Kumar added.



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ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର, ୬।୮ (ବ୍ୟୁରୋ): ଇଞ୍ଜିଆର୍ ଇନଫର୍ମେସନ୍ ଅଫ୍ ଟେକ୍ନୋଲୋଜି (ଆଇଆଇଟି) ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱରରେ ବଢ଼ିଲା ୯୫% ପିଏଚ୍‌ଡି ସିଟ୍। ସେହିପରି ଏମଟେକରେ ୧୫% ଓ ଏମଏସସିରେ ୭% ସିଟ୍ ବଢ଼ିଥିବା ଆଇଆଇଟି ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶକ ପ୍ରଫେସର ରତ୍ନମ୍ ବରଦା ରାଜକୁମାର କହିଛନ୍ତି।

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# Puri King lauds NALCO

**BHUBANESWAR:** Puri king Gajapati Maharaj Dibya Singh Deb on Monday congratulated NALCO CMD Tapan Kumar Chand and other officials for the aluminium major's performance in the international market. The Gajapati, on his maiden visit to NALCO's Corporate Office here, interacted with the directors and senior officials and appreciated the initiatives of the firm along with Sri Jagannath Temple Administration and district administration of Puri in developing the pilgrim town as a 'Swachh Iconic Place'. He stressed the need for taking up some major initiatives like development of corridor around the temple, development and beautification of Gundicha temple, Bada Danda, Jagannath Ballav Math area and Athar Naia with the vision of propelling Puri into the world map of tourism and pilgrimage. **ENWS**

# Cops on alert for transporters' stir

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IN view of the strike called by All Odisha Transport Workers' Federation across the State, all zonal special branch officers have been asked to remain alert and provide advance intelligence inputs to the SPs, DIGs and Commissionerate of Police to avert any untoward situation. The federation has called the strike to protest against the amendment of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988. The federation members have decided to take out a rally and hold a protest at Lower PMG square here. Meanwhile, the Directorate of Teachers Education and State Council for Educational Research and Training (DTE & SCERT) has deferred its online entrance examination in view of the proposed strike. "Apprehending disruption during the strike, the directorate has postponed the online examination date from August 7 to August 16," said a notification.

Puri district will be digitised. The firm has planned to launch the scheme across the State subsequently. "The key beneficiaries of DFS will be women staying in rural areas who have so far been lagging in their ability to make financial decisions, access savings and investment instruments and use formal banking facilities," said Head, Sourcing of Milk Mantra, Anil Burman during the launch of the initiative.

Global development consulting and research firm Intellect has been instrumental in developing the blueprint of the model and implementing it, while Airtel Payments Bank has been roped in as the payment technology and banking partner given its significant rural focus and market penetration in Odisha.

Airtel Payments Bank has also set up bank accounts for the dairy farmers by on-boarded the banking correspondent in the target villages, and enabling Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS) based transactions.

# ASTHA AVISHEK 2018 held

**Bhubaneswar:** ASTHA AVISHEK 2018, the induction programme of 11th batch of newly-admitted MBA students of ASTHA School of Management for the 2018-19 academic session was held at a city hotel here on Sunday. OHPC and OPGC Director Pravakar Mohanty graced the occasion as the chief guest while Ashok Mangaraj was the Chief Speaker. Among others, secretary of ASTHA School of Management Bankim Mohanty, chairman Bilay Kumar Patra and Principal Sharmila Subramanian were present. "ASTHA Darpan 2018", the newsletter of the institute, was also unveiled on the occasion.

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# House panel members get reality check from students

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**THE** Public Accounts Committee members were on a two-day visit to Paradip to review implementation of schemes under Rural Development, School and Mass Education and Information and Technology departments. Braving rains, the children and their parents locked the main gate of PPT guest house at Nehru Bangla where the members were staying and sought their intervention in the issue. A member of the PAC, Maheswar Sahoo, said the district administration has been informed about the problem and asked to take appropriate measures. The children and parents called off the agitation after they were assured that the issue would be resolved after discussion with PPT authorities on Wednesday.

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## Hike in minimum wage proposed

The State Government has proposed to hike the minimum wage of daily labourers by at least 40 per cent. Accordingly, public views and objections have been sought on the proposal within two months. A notification issued by Labour and Employees State Insurance department recently proposed to increase the minimum daily wage of unskilled labourers by 40 per cent from ₹200 to ₹280 per day and 45 per cent for semi-skilled labourers from ₹220 to ₹320. Similarly, it is proposed to hike the daily wage of skilled labourers by 54 per cent from ₹240 to ₹370 per day. For high skilled labourers, 65 per cent rise in their daily wages has been proposed from existing ₹260 to ₹430 per day.

## Rise in IIT-B admissions

Director of IIT Bhubaneswar Prof Raja Kumar on Monday said there has been a rise in admission percentage of the institute compared to previous years. There has been a seven per cent increase in the number of admissions into MSc course. Similarly, admissions into MTech has increased by 15 per cent and PhD programmes by 95 per cent, Prof Kumar said. He further informed that the general trend to opt for Computer Science, Electronic and Communication besides Electrical Engineering continues among students seeking admission into undergraduate courses. "For the current academic year, an MTech course in Computer Science and Engineering with two sub-specialisations - Cyber Security and Forensics and Data Analytics and Machine Intelligence - has been introduced," he said.

# Pradhan slams BJD for neglecting tribals

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A day after being targeted by the ruling BJD over Ujjwala Yojana, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan hit out at the State Government for neglecting the tribal population of Odisha.

Even as tribals constitute 23 per cent of the State's population, the performance of the Government in health, education, nutrition, communication and women's development in tribal-dominated districts is far behind the national average, he said. Taking to social media, Pradhan said around 57 per cent of tribal children under the age of five are suffering from chronic malnourishment while infant mortality among tribal communities in the State is high.

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# KISS students meet Vice-President

As many as 40 international sports from Kalinga Institute of Social Science met Vice-President of India M Venk New Delhi. Athletes and girl student and KIIT Deemed to be University-Hembram, Jauna Murrmu (both from Dutee Chand and Rutuparna Pandit KIIT) - who have been selected to the Asian Games, 2018 were among



met the Vice-President and sought his blessings for the endeavours. The institute's officials said the students met breakfast with the Vice-President at his residence. Nair congratulated the students and hoped that they would laurels for the country in the upcoming Asian Games. K founder Achyuta Samanta and other officials were also on the occasion.

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## MORE SEATS IN IIT, BBS FILLED UP THIS YR

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From this academic year, a new MTech course in Computer Science and Engineering with two specializations, Cyber Security and Forensics and Data Analytics and Machine intelligence was introduced and students joined.

Prof Raja Kumar, Director of the institute said that the steep rise in admission percentage is very satisfying and expressed that the trend will continue and vacancies will further come down in the coming years.

Now, the institute offers six BTech, nine Dual Degree programmes, five MSc, 11 MTech programmes and PhD in its seven schools.

The admission for the academic year 2018-19 to the above courses took place on July 20 and 25, respectively.

Out of 369 offered BTech seats and Dual Degree programmes, 354 students (including 2 preparatory course completed students of last year) joined this time.

Further, five students joined preparatory course at other institutes and they would be joining IIT Bhubaneswar next year.

Out of 95 offered, 75 students have joined MSc and out of 160 offered, 156 (including the sponsored from DRDO) students have joined various MTech programmes.

As many as 58 students were admitted to the PhD programmes, informed an official release.



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