

20 Years Celebrations

National Institute of Science and Technology, Berhampur celebrated its completion of 20 glorious years with great pomp and show on 17th and 18th September 2016. It was a great matter of pride for all the members of NIST, its members of faculty, staff and students. "Over the years, starting from a humble sojourn in the campus of Berhampur University in the year 1996 to the 60 acre picturesque Palur Hills, the journey of NIST has been a roller coaster ride. The feats it has achieved can be compared to all top schools of the country and the globe. But the journey continues for many such laurels to be bestowed on the Institute," said Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Vice-Chancellor of

Berhampur University while addressing the students, alumni of NIST, faculty and staff in the Inauguration Programme. Prof. Geetika Mudali, Founder Promoter and Placement Director of NIST was enraptured in nostalgia while sharing her experiences with the first batch and the successive batches of students of NIST. She highlighted on all the commendable achievements of NIST and congratulated the alumni, present students, and all stakeholders of NIST for carving such an enviable position for NIST. She envisaged the Institute to grow in leaps and bounds in the times to come.

The Institute organised a plethora of events on the occasion of its 20 year celebration for the students, faculty members and staff. On 17th September, programmes like Sports, Alumni Talks,



Fun Events, Road Shows, Flash Mobs, and others kept the campus busy in the day time. Alumni from 1996 - 2016 batches were invited to be a part of the celebrations. They presented their talks on various fields on Technology, Corporate Governance, Prospects of Engineering and others to their juniors and tried to motivate them by sharing their own experiences on and off the campus. To keep all alumni connected, the Institute launched an alumni portal where all the members can share their views, exchange interactions, post their suggestions and so on and so forth. The Institute felicitated all its faculty members and staff who completed their 10 years of relentless service at NIST. A cake was cut on the occasion followed by a High Tea party for all

faculty, staff, and alumni. The 10 yearers were given Cash Award, Gift and Certificate of Appreciation.



The evening offered musical treat to all NISTians. The musical nite by the very prominent singers Rajdeep Chatterjee and Rupali Mallick was extraordinarily euphoric. To add to the joy were the performances by faculty and staff children who kept the audience spellbound.

On 18th September, the Institute organised a mini-marathon, 'Run for Humanity' in Berhampur town covering a stretch of 5 kilometers. Around 200



students, faculty members, staff, and a few students from different schools of Berhampur participated in the marathon. Arjun Awardee, Commonwealth Games Champion and Ace Weightlifter, K Ravi Kumar of Berhampur, received the runners at Govt. ITI, Berhampur as the Chief Guest of the programme.

The Sports Icon of Odisha and the internationally renowned weightlifter gave away the prizes to all the winners of the marathon. Dr Ajit Kumar Panda, Principal of NIST felicitated Mr Ravi Kumar with a shawl and a memento in recognition of his contribution to the field of sports and being a role model for many young sport enthusiasts of the state and the country.

