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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE TO FRESHMEN



Dr. Sukant K. Mohapatra

On behalf of NIST management, administration, faculty, staff and NIST fraternity, I welcome you all to National Institute of Science and Technology, Institute Park, Berhampur, Odisha. You had many options and opportunities, but you've chosen NIST for your better and brighter future. You have certainly made the right choice and we'll definitely not let you down your trust and faith on us. We will ensure that you'll not just come out as bright engineers and managers, but also as better human beings who will contribute immensely for the betterment of the society and the world at large.

You'll expand your capability and potential to the maximum at NIST. We at NIST do our best to ensure that you reach your best and full potential to acquire knowledge, learn how to learn for life, innovate, develop human values, and become the best global citizen.

Let me share a couple of things about what we stand for @NIST. Our mission and vision is definitely for you to achieve the highest academic excellence, excel in research and innovation, develop entrepreneurship spirit, and most importantly strive to accomplish better good for the community and society in addition to

helping yourself and your family.

About the legacy of NIST - it was established in 1996, as the first NRI educational venture in the State of Odisha, and also the first engineering institute in southern Odisha. It is promoted by SM Charitable Educational Trust, a non-profit organization, in which I and my wife are donors and founders. Our focus has been on high quality teaching, creative innovation, and mutual collaboration. It's not about getting good grades, but training of the minds, developing creative innovation and universal partnership. So far as universal partnership is concerned, you'll come across many people, scientists, thought leaders, and engineers from various cultures, and communities, and how you partner and collaborate with them on a global scale is the key.

Our values are:

- **Belief:** in respect, integrity, honesty, care, diversity, teamwork, and collaboration
- **Excellence:** in academics and research
- **Encourage:** for freedom of thought, expression, and view
- **Spirit:** of community, society, nation building, and inclusive growth
- **Truth:** in the pursuit, dissemination, application and use of knowledge

So, you'll not only learn things like fundamentals of computers and principles of management, but you'll learn how to respect, how to work with dignity and honesty in a diverse, collaborative environment. By the time you graduate, we expect you to excel both in academics and research. Maybe, you'll publish research papers and file patents; innovation is a very important aspect in our life and time. We always encourage freedom of thought, expression of views, in a fair and transparent manner, regardless whom you're talking/discussing with. We're all for inclusive growth. You're fortunate to have good education due to your parents' or guardians' support/encouragement/guidance. But not everybody is fortunate. So, for the growth of the society and for nation building, a spirit of community service is necessary.

What does NIST stand for? What are our foundational objectives? The most important part of our foundational objective is **"Student First"**. NIST faculty members and staff always work their best for you to achieve highest academic excellence, do fundamental research and innovation, have a definitive career path before you graduate, and accomplish holistic personal development. You will certainly transform and accomplish and achieve things much beyond what you think today. Our faculty as guides and mentors will help you to learn in the classroom and beyond. Last year, despite of Covid-19 situation, 86% of our students got job offers before they graduated. Many went for higher studies in the premiere institutes of the country and overseas in Taiwan, Japan, USA, and Canada. You'll be happy to know that many of our alumni are entrepreneurs, some are serving the country as administrative officers and some are into movies/theater pursuing their passion. You barely got out of your home after 10+2 or class XII. You'll be spending the most productive and important part of your life here. We'll do everything possible to stretch you to your utmost capacity and capability so that you excel at what you love doing.

The second part of our foundational objective is that NIST is a Research Institute. We focus on research and innovation. Be ready for that. You'll be publishing papers, filing patents, participating in national and international level competitions such as various hackathons, research projects etc. You might be assisting our faculty in various funded research work as paid research assistants. We also have strong partnerships with multiple industries. You'll be solving real and practical problems. On campus, we've incubation and startup facilities. That'll groom some of you as entrepreneurs so that you create jobs for others. You'll be a job creator rather than a job seeker.

The third part of our foundational objective is that we stand for the Community. It's not about me or you, it's about us, with a sense of giving to our society and community where we live. NIST fraternity, through its various programs,

is continuously working in the areas of rural health and sanitation, education, environment, and disaster relief. You'll also learn how to care for the community beyond yourself and your family.

Last, but not the least, we are One Family - One Team, i.e., NISTians. You're part of one big and proud family of NIST. It consists of our alumni, students, faculty members, and staff. NIST is a platform that can be leveraged for the best interest of the NIST family. You can make every use of NIST infrastructure - research facility, swimming pool, gym, auditorium, labs, etc. for yourself and other NISTians, so that we grow as a family through collaboration and teamwork. You'll be pulled out of your comfort zone, you'll be tasked with much hard course work/projects. You may experience or land a fear zone with apprehension about yourself. But that will gradually change to a learning zone and growth zone. Finally you will be in a growth trajectory by the time you are ready to step out of NIST.

NIST is a NAAC and NBA accredited autonomous institute that ranked 60th all India in 2019 (by Outlook), and 69th all India by NIRF in 2016. Our students have been constantly winning many national and international competitions and hackathons. Our students have published over 80 research papers in the last five years. I expect you to be part of NIST's glorious past and tradition.

Again, I welcome you to join talented scholars, academicians, scientists, researchers, entrepreneurs and thought leaders in the NIST family. I am sure you will leverage endless opportunities at NIST to study, innovate, perform, transform, realize your abilities to the fullest extent and cherish unforgettable friendship, the most enjoyable moments, value of collaboration, sharing, and caring for all the time to come.

Welcome to NIST!

I commend the entire editorial team for their hard work and dedication for publication of this edition of NIST Chronicle.

Dr. Sukant K. Mohapatra

Chairman, NIST

1 IN FOCUS

1.1 Virtual Orientation Program



The institute organized a virtual orientation program to assimilate batch-2020 on 12th Dec., 2020, in the presence of Chief Guest, Prof. Ranjan Kumar Swain (Principal, P MEC), Dr. Sukant Kumar Mohapatra (Founder Chairman, NIST), Dr. Sudhakar Das (Principal, NIST),

and Shri Kshirod Mohapatra (Registrar, NIST). Most faculty members of NIST participated in the program where around 400 freshers joined the virtual Zoom meet. Chairman, Dr. Sukant Mohapatra briefed the students about the institute's functioning that's beyond academics. He emphasized on holistic development, student first mantra, and the institute's initiatives for building entrepreneurs and encouraging higher education. Dr. Mohapatra also introduced the office-bearers - principal, registrar, and HODs.

P MEC Principal, Prof. Ranjan Kumar Swain told the participants how NIST is continuously rising in success since its inception for its Chairman's vision and support. On placement fronts, the institute is as good or even better than the NITS. He also stressed that students and other stakeholders must stay updated with technology. Principal Dr. Sudhakar Das, assured students that they should feel proud for choosing NIST. The institute is known for its values, academics, research, and of course, placements. He said, "You'll learn a lot. Right after graduating NIST you'll be ready for the world - you'll be able to bring positive change in yourself and the world around." Registrar Kshirod Mohapatra ensured maintaining student-first culture on the campus. Assured them of their overall safety and wellbeing.

Fresh graduates Ajit Dash and Simran Raj shared their success stories with the freshmen. They explained the students why they chose NIST, and how discipline and dedication helped them achieve success. At the end, Vice Principal Dr. Pradyumna Kumar Patra extended vote of thanks. He said to students, "NIST is now your second home, and every faculty is like your parent." He wished them all the best.

1.2 NIST Welcomes Freshers

NIST organised a Grand Virtual Welcome Ceremony for the fresh & budding students of B Tech, MBA, MCA, MTech on 22nd Dec., 2020. Most NIST faculty were present to grace the occasion wherein 400 1st year students participated on Zoom. Prof. Siva Prasad Adhikary, an eminent academician, innovative researcher and extraordinary speaker motivated the students by sharing the institute's success story and noble thought behind its establishment. Dr. Sukant Mohapatra briefed the students about the institute's functioning stating its vision and mission statements. He emphasized on holistic

development, student first mantra, and the institute's initiatives for building entrepreneurs and encouraging higher education. Kshirod Mohapatra, Registrar extended the vote of thanks. He wished the students all the best. He also thanked the entire NIST fraternity for pulling off the Grand Welcome Ceremony and ending it on a successful note.

1.3 NIST Partners with RIII



In an exciting new development, NIST has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RI Instruments & Innovation INDIA a leading mass producer of research instruments and Nano materials, to

achieve excellence and lead the state in Nano Technology. Principal of NIST, Dr. Sudhakar Das, and MD of RIII, Rajendra Prasad Joshi signed the MoU on 2nd Oct., 2020. NIST faculty Mr. Nilesh Dalai will coordinate the joint efforts while Dr. Souren Mishra, Dr. Duryodhan Sahu, Dr. Sandipan Mallick are the core members. Under this MoU, both the parties will work in the development of new technology and instruments, and share rights on the developed intellectual property for publications and patents. Scientists/researchers/officials from RIII may on request participate in the research programme in NIST. This MoU will help NIST become a Nano-material Research Center and lead the state in this technology.

1.4 NIST-ESSCI Center of Excellence signs MoU with Tessolve



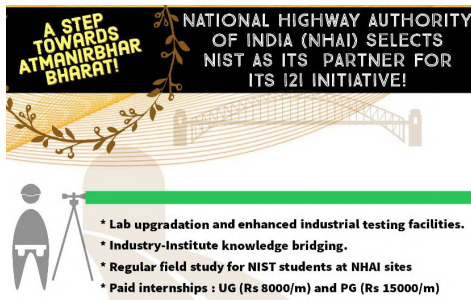
NIST-ESSCI Center of Excellence, a leader in chip design, simulation, and verification and testing, signed a memorandum of understanding with Tessolve (P) Ltd, a global leader in IC, PCB and system design, failure analysis, and product engineering.

Under this industry-academia partnership, NIST-ESSCI will train Tessolve recruits in testing and verification, and NIST students will get real world exposure to the silicon industry. In a similar development, NIST has also set up a NIST-ESSCI Center of Excellence in BBSR with the help of Shri N K Mohapatra, CEO, Electronic Sector Skill Council of India (ESSCI), and Mrinal Das, ex-CEO of Sankalp Semiconductors and adjunct Faculty at NIST.

National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) has had a strong academia-industry partnership model since its establishment in 1996. Academic excellence, research, and innovation are the key differentiators at NIST. Through such true industry-academia partnerships with leading national and international companies and education institutes, the institute looks beyond academic contributions to stay relevant with various industries.

1.5 NIST Joins Hands with NHAI

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) selected NIST as its partner for its industry-to-institution (i2i) initiative. By this partnership NIST hopes to be



signed an MoU on 13th July, 2020 to share expertise for the betterment of highway infrastructure. NIST Civil Engineering Department offers the best options in hands-on learning with many industry collaborations and internship offers planned for this year. It often collabs with govt. agencies such as NHA for nation building and tech-enablement. This i2i program is valid for 5 years which may be extended. Its scope includes:

- NHA shall bridge industry-institution gap, upgrade NIST labs, and facilitate the faculty, researchers and students of the institute to familiarize with the latest trends in the highway/transportation sector.
- NIST shall adopt and use the nearby stretches of highways as specified in the MoU as a field of study for faculty, researchers and students. NIST interns and researchers will make traffic studies and give suggestions on maintenance of the allotted strip of NH as mentioned in the MoU.
- NHA shall pay undergrad interns Rs. 8000 and postgrads Rs. 15000 per month for their work in transportation, structural engg., geotechnical engg., hydraulics engg., infrastructure systems, earthquake engg., urban and rural planning, and disaster mitigation & management

1.6 NRC's Robotics Workshop at IISER



Creating your own robot helps you learn engineering in all its practicality. In such an initiative, NRC (NIST Robotics Club) in association with IISER Physics Club organized Automatic Robotics Workshop at IISER Berhampur on 3rd Nov., 2019. As a training partner, NRC demonstrated the art of creating robots by combining concepts from multiple engineering disciplines. Over 60 BS and MS students of IISER participated in the workshop. With the guidance of NRC Faculty Advisor Dr. Swagat Samantaray and Mr. Aswini Kumar Khuntia, 3rd Year Core members of NRC gave IISER students hands-on learning and training by involving them in creative activities that motivates them for future studies. This

instrumental in realizing the dreams of Atma Nirbhar Bharat through its academics, tech-enablement, and i2i collaborations. Both the parties NIST

workshop detailed the ideas about robots, types of robots and their applications. The workshop introduced Arduino and Bluetooth RC Car, and demonstrated building Bluetooth RC car, test-running the car, and line-following robot. At the end, there was a question-answer and note-taking session. The workshop was well-received by IISER faculty members and students. IISER students showed their interest to explore further by participating in robotics projects, research and competitions.

1.7 Transformative Leadership Retreat at NIST



The 2-day workshop “Transformative Leadership Retreat” at Institute Park, NIST concluded on 16th Nov., 2019. Mr. Shankar Hemmady (CEO, Green Horizons, San Francisco, and

Mentor & Visiting Faculty, MICA, Ahmedabad) delivered a series of talks on the topic in this program.

At the inaugural function, NIST Chairman Dr Sukant Kumar Mohapatra told the gathering, “For every responsible person, it’s important to know what one believes in and what one values. This motivates us to align our mindset to our goals. Workshops such as this help us improve our professional and personal lives. It’s like re-engineering the self for better. And it’s a continuous transformative process.”

Through various fun and creative activities, the mentor Mr. Shankar Hemmady gave NIST faculty members a new perspective about “learning how to Learn, and how to unlearn.” That’s how one can bring positive change in the body and the mind. He also discussed at length how to transform the self from rationalizing beings to rational beings, and overcome the instincts to take control of the self.

1.8 Interactive Lecture: Innovation in Power



On 7th Nov., 2019, IEEE-EDS NIST Student Chapter organized an interactive technical lecture, “Innovation in Power,” on campus. Mr.

Ranjit Kumar Dash, who has worked in semiconductor industries for over 20 years at various positions in Texas Instrument and National Semiconductor, talked about the switching of the regulators during the standby mode

to reduce the power consumption by adopting various methods such as using electronic shut-down circuits, and line and load regulations. He also spoke about the challenges in circuit design to maintain the maximum current and support high input and output voltage. 30 participants attended this lecture. He emphasized on the industrial approach for real-time solutions and innovative thought processes to take the research and development activities in power to a new level. Later he gave a glimpse of innovations by the students. IEEE ED-NIST Student Chapter acknowledges Mr. Dash for such an industry interaction session with all student members.

1.9 Cloud Computing Workshop



NIST Cloud Computing Club organized a 2-Day Workshop on Cloud Computing on 8th and 9th Nov., 2019. Around 125 BTech students and 37 MCA students actively participated in this workshop.

Participants got to know about Cloud Platform Services, AWS & AZURE fundamentals, job opportunities in the field of Cloud Computing, and interlink between Cloud, IoT, DevOps, and BlockChain. Many industry experts spoke on the topic. At the end, NIST principal felicitated the experts. Industry Experts spoke in the workshop were:

- Rudra Prasad Tripathy, A.I. Architect, Mindtree Ltd., Bangalore
- Mr. Agneetra Banarjee, Engineer, CTO Function, Mindtree Ltd., Bangalore
- Mr. Akshaya Jain, Engineer, CTO Function, Mindtree Ltd., Bangalore
- Mr. Bibek Ranjan Paramanik, BerryBook Techno Solutions
- Mr. Harish Mohanty, OGH Solutions, Bhubaneswar
- Mr. Swadesh Sampad Mohanty, SGC Infoways, Bhubaneswar

1.10 NLP for Digital Humanities



School of Computer Science and Engineering, NIST, Berhampur is organized All India Council for Technical Education

Sponsored Faculty Development Program, “Natural Language Processing (NLP) for the Digital Humanities,” from 3rd to 13th Dec., 2019. Experts from IITs and Central Universities on Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Natural Language Processing, technology and sentiment analysis on Social Media, Digital Humanities

and Social Science delivered lectures and demonstrated their work on NLP during this 2-week long workshop. NIST coordinators thanked AICTE for giving NIST the opportunity to organize the program on such a big scale wherein faculty members and researchers from all over India participated. These days AI/NLP is the buzz. It gives us shopping suggestions, election predictions and much more basis pattern analyses on social media. However, the participants were excited in the ways NLP will serve the society better. The program was one of a kind NLP-in-action, filled with activities and exercises. Chief guest, Prof. Ashish Ghosh, ISI, Kolkata, and guest of honor, Dr. Susmita Ghosh, Jadavpur University introduced the program. Dr. Ashish Ghosh defined Digital Humanities as something “for the society” and not “social studies per se.” Dr. Susmita Ghosh told, “Computer hardware has improved leaps and bounds since Deep Blue defeated Kasparov. The challenge now is to improve the existing algorithms, and create new and better algorithms for the Digital Humanities.”

1.11 State Level Faculty Convention



NIST, Berhampur organized a state level faculty convention sponsored by Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) on 7th

Dec., 2019. 70 faculty members from various fields attended the convention. Chief Guest A J Janathanan, Chief General Manager and Head Odisha Sands Complex, IREL Chatrapur and Guest of Honor Bimal Krishna Mishra, Industrialist and Director of Tiki Engineering Pvt. Ltd. spoke on “Recent Innovations and Challenges in Renewable Energy for Nation Building,” the theme of the convention. A souvenir was released on the occasion. ISTE felicitated NIST faculty Prof. Mihir Hota with the Best ISTE Faculty Advisor award, and Dr. Pallab Kumar Kar with the Best Science Faculty award. Both faculty members were chosen from among all the engineering and polytechnic colleges of Odisha. NIST faculty Prof. Mihir Kumar Hota coordinated the convention. ISTE also awarded NIST ISTE Chapter as the best in Odisha. NIST ISTE students Chapter organises techno-management event SANKALP every year.

1.12 Awareness on Trending Technologies

Faculty Development Program “Deep Learning and Applications” through National Knowledge Network Winter Courses under Electronics and ICT Academy, NIT Patna in association with NIST from 9th to 13th Dec., 2019. IIITDM Jabalpur was the Principal Coordinating Academy and NIT Warangal was the Co-principal Coordinating Academy. Forty six participants from NIST actively participated in the FDP. Ranjit Kumar Behera, Asst. Professor coordinated the program.

1.13 NIST Chairman Awarded

NIT Rourkela honors Dr. Sukant Kumar Mohapatra, Founder Chairman of NIST, with Distinguished Alumni Award. NIT Rourkela felicitated its alumnus



Dr. Mohapatra, at its 19th Convocation on 18th Jan., 2020. This award is a recognition of Dr. Mohapatra's significant contribution to the community and world at large in the area of technology, research, management,

his outstanding professional and philanthropic accomplishments.

Dr. Mohapatra had a dream to establish a World Class Center for Academic Excellence and Research in his home state of Odisha. He realized this dream by establishing National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) in 1996. He has been guiding the institute ever since. It's noteworthy that NIST is the first NRI educational venture in Odisha, and first-ever global standard private engineering college in South Odisha. Started as an engineering institute, now it has been turned into an institute park having world class facilities for education in areas of engineering, basic science, management; research and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Mohapatra graduated in Mechanical Engineering with Hons from National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, Odisha in 1981. Later he received MS (Computer Science) from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and PhD with specialization in Telecommunications from Stevens Institute of Technology, New Jersey, United States of America. He has over 30 years of professional experience with leadership positions at AT&T, Lucent Technologies - Bell Laboratories and Ericsson (as Chief Technology Officer), leading applied research, system architecture, technology strategy, and business development in telecommunications industry. He is also the chief patron of Indian Energy Congress.

Dr. Mohapatra's research interest include Next Generation Networks, Digital Transformation, Network Planning and Optimization, Network Virtualization (NFV/SDN), Cloud Computing, and Internet of Things (IoT). He has published extensively in the areas of data networking, network management, optimization, congestion control, network virtualization and IoT in referred journals and conferences. Dr. Mohapatra has a prolific career in academics, research and industry. He has taught graduate program at Rutgers University, New Jersey. He is recipient of multiple awards and recognition including prestigious DMTS award at Bell Laboratories, Strathmore's global Who's Who, Distinguished Odia Award by Odisha Society of Americas - NYNJ (OSA) among others. He has been invited a speaker at various conferences and forums around the globe. He is a Senior Member of IEEE.

1.14 Workshop on Quantum Info & Computing

The School of Computer Science and Engineering, NIST, Berhampur organized a 2-Day National workshop

on "Quantum Information and Quantum Computing" sponsored by TEQIP-III BPUT Rourkela, in its campus on 28th and 29th Feb., 2020. Many faculty members, researchers and students from all over



India participated in the workshop. The session was inaugurated by honorable Chief Guest, French Mathematician, Prof. Olivier Ramaré, Research Director, CNRS / Institut de Mathématiques de Marseille, Aix Marseille Université, France and Guest of Honor, Dr. Kasi Viswanadham G, IISER Berhampur.

Dr. Prof. Olivier Ramaré, delivered a technical talk on "Modern Mathematics for Modern People." He explained the RSA algorithm and the beauty of number theory. He also added the importance of Quantum Computing in number theory, particularly in Cryptography. Prof. Victor Mukherjee, IISER Berhampur, delivered a series of talks on "Quantum Technologies based on Open Quantum Systems." Dr. Ritabrata Sengupta, IISER Berhampur, delivered a talk on "Introduction to Quantum Information and Quantum Computing."

1.15 Mathematical Analysis and Computing Conference



NIST in association with Odisha Mathematical Society (OMS) organized a 2-day National Conference on 'Mathematical Analysis and Computing' on 15th and

16th Feb., 2020. It was conducted along with 47th Annual General Body meeting of Odisha Mathematical Society. Prof. R.N. Mahapatra of University of Central Florida, USA inaugurated the conference in presence of Prof. Ramsankar Rath, OMS President, Dr. Sukant K. Mohapatra, Chairman NIST, Retd. Prof. V.P. Srivastav, Delhi University, and Dr. Tushar Kant Tripathy, OMS General Secretary. Many eminent teachers of Mathematics from various schools were felicitated for their contribution towards popularizing the subject. The conference explored diverse areas of Mathematics and witnessed the amalgamation 15 keynote speakers and 50 oral presentations. Over 150 delegates from all over Odisha attended the event. They discuss the recent innovations, trends, and challenges in the fields of Mathematics and Computing. OMS President Prof. Rath and Prof Gokulanand Das, an eminent Mathematician of Odisha were present at the valedictory ceremony. NIST is proud to host this event for the 2nd time. Prof. Pallab Kar coordinated the event.

1.16 PACPSG Training Program

The electricity domain and the grid that were almost unchanged for long will undergo radical change in the next few years. To add value to the system, the future Smart Grid will be supported by a complex ecosystem



(IoT) and Internet of Services (IoS). That's why the EEE department of NIST, Berhampur, organized a 5-day Short-Term Training Program on "Predictive Analytic-Based Cyber-Physical Systems for Smart Grid (PACPSG)" from 3rd to 7th Feb., 2020. The program was sponsored by TEQIP-III, BPUT with a funding of Rs. 3,26,500. The course was designed to instill in the participants a basic understanding of the applications of predictive analytics to the Smart Grid environment and to brief possible research directions in the domain. The participants of the program were enlightened with multiple research opportunities in the area of Smart Grid. The chief guest Prof. P.K. Hota, VSSUT, Burla, and guest of honor Sri. S.K. Das, Ex. General Manager, SLDC were present in the inaugural session. They discussed the research-importance of PACPSG in our times. Dr. Suvendu Rup, IIIT, Bhubaneswar distributed certificates to the participants in the valedictory ceremony. Around 50 participants from eight engineering colleges participated in the program that was coordinated by Dr. B. Rajanarayan Prusty and Prof. Preeti Ranjan Sahu of the EEE department.

1.17 Astro-Fest 2.0

NIST Astronomy club in association with Skifi Lab (a startup by IIT Kanpur alumni) organized a 2-day workshop "Astro-Fest 2.0" in the Institute Park on 22nd and 23rd of Jan., 2020. In the workshop, NIST students built and demonstrated RC helicopters. NIST chairman, Dr. Sukant K. Mohapatra inaugurated the workshop. On this occasion, students of St. Xavier School and Sankalp School participated in drawing, GK, model exhibition contests organized in the institute premises.

The workshop was divided into 3 parts: Theory, hands-on and testing. In the first session the experts from Skyfi labs taught the concepts of aeromodelling and RC aircraft to the participants. It was followed by participants building their very own aircraft in the guidance of Lab experts and club co-ordinators. The structure of the aircrafts was made by the participants at the end of the workshop on day 1. On day 2 they started where they left off. The electronic components were attached in the aircrafts and were ready to fly.

Then came the most interesting part of this event, flight testing the aircrafts made by participants. All the assembled aircrafts were taken to the ground and the flying started in the presence of Dr. Mohapatra, Prof. Hota, other faculty members, and NIST students. The RC aircrafts flew stunningly and did beautiful manoeuvres

while soaring high in the sky.

1.18 Evolution of 5G



On 23rd Jan., 2020, Dr. Sukant K. Mohapatra, Founder Chairman of NIST, delivered a talk on "Hyper-connected World and Society: Evolution of 5G" to NIST faculty members. He built up the topic by describing the fundamental shifts in wireless

communication technology over five decades leading to 5G. He described foundational principles, use cases, standards, architecture, virtualization and network slicing approach of 5G to the gathering. Dr. Mohapatra also gave a clear picture of how 5G is ramping up in the USA, Europe and rest of the world. He said, "while the new technology may disrupt existing businesses, it will create new opportunities too." It is expected that 5G will fundamentally change how people will live and work in future, providing an opportunity to enhance their lives in many ways, most importantly through IoT, Virtual/Augmented/Mixed Reality applications. When asked about the health hazards, he said, "there will always be various views, but rest assured, international health authorities and various regulatory bodies (e.g., FCC in US) will take care of such concerns."

Dr. Mohapatra has been working in the telecommunication industry with leadership positions over 30 years. He has worked at AT&T, Lucent Technologies - Bell Laboratories, and Ericsson as Chief Technology Officer (CTO).

1.19 FDP on ICT Tools



One-week FDP through NKN WINTER Courses on "ICT Tools for Teaching, Learning process & Institutes" completed successfully at NIST, Berhampur on

17th Jan., 2020. MNIT Jaipur was the Principal Coordinating Academy and NIT Patna was the Co-principal Coordinating Academy. 45 participants

attended this course from NIST, Berhampur and Roland Institute of Technology, Berhampur. In this course participants learnt various open source tools used for the teaching learning process.

1.20 Codathon-2020



School of Computer Science & Engineering with the help of Club Excel, Multi Media Club, Quizzards club, NIST Musical Society, and MCA deptt. organized National level coding workshop, Codathon-2020,

for BCA and B.Sc students on 1st Feb., 2020. This program comprised Coding, Web Designing and Quiz. Around 250 participants from Berhampur and the nearby locality attended the program. NIST alumnus, Er. K.V. Reddy gave keynote talk on “Anything is possible.” The program was coordinated by Prof. K.L. Narayan with the support of Prof. P.K. Jena, Prof. S.K. Kar, Prof. B.S. Gouda, Prof. T.K. Mishra, Prof. A.K. Dass, Prof. D. Kanhar, Prof. A.K. Tripathy, P.K. Mohanty, S.P. Tripathy, and Prof. R. Padhi. The founder chairman of the institute, Dr. Sukant K. Mohapatra, felicitated the speaker and distributed prizes to the winners.

1.21 STTP on Measurement Issues



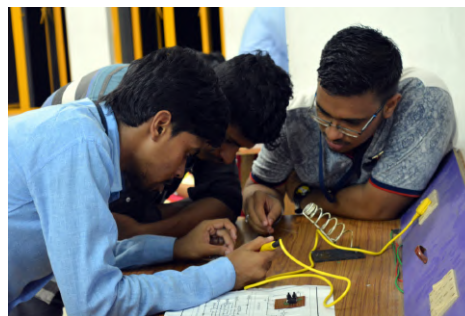
Dr. Parameswar Dash (Coordinator) and Mr. Nilesh Dalai (Co-Coordinator), School of Mechanical Engineering, NIST, Berhampur in association with NITTTR, Kolkota conducted the ICT(13), STTP on “Measurement

Issue of Labs and Workshop Class” during 4th to 8th Nov., 2019. Forty-three faculty members and technical staff from different departments participated in this training program. Prof. Dipankar Dube, Head and Prof. of ME dept., NITTTR, Kolkota was the spokesperson for this training program. The duty and responsibility of faculty and lab technicians during the lab class was demonstrated. The application of rubric for effective evaluation of lab marks was emphasized. It was suggested that teachers need to be present for the entire lab class and correlate the theory with the lab for a better theoretical understanding. This training program provided the essential inputs to the faculty members and lab technicians to carry out the lab class more efficiently and effectively.

1.22 Workshop on Virtual Labs

Workshop on Virtual Labs (A Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India Initiative), a National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NME-ICT) was held at Galleria Auditorium, Institute Park, NIST, on 21st Sept. 2019. Prof. Alok Kanti Deb of IIT Kharagpur coordinated the workshop.

1.23 Elektrokriti 11.1



NIST Electronic Hobby Club organized workshop “Elektrokriti Version 11.1” from 16th to 19th Sept., 2019. Meant for 3rd semester (2018 batch)

students, the workshop consisted of both theoretical and practical sessions to provide the students with hands-on experience. It dealt with different electronic components and their interfacing with microcontrollers.

1.24 AI & Machine Learning



One-week (23rd to 27th Dec., 2019) FDP through NKN Winter Course “AI & Machine Learning” completed successfully at NIST. IIT

Roorkee was the Principal Coordinating Academy and NIT PATNA was the Co-principal Coordinating Academy. The FDP had a massive participation of 56 participants, 53 of which were from NIST. Asst. Prof. Siba Prasada Tripathy coordinated the program at NIST. Dr. Satya Ranjan Patnaik and Mr. Ranjit Kumar Behera helped the program run hassle-free.

1.25 FUN-DE-BUG



Around 100 NIST B.Tech students participated in FUN-DE-BUG (sponsored by LECTURE NOTES, conducted by NIST Cloud Computing Club), a

Techno-fun event about debugging programs while having SHOTS. The event had 2 rounds:

- Elimination: Each group had to answer 5 questions. Every correct answer brought them a tasty shot, and every wrong answer a healthy shot.

- Debug: This event was conducted in 2 phases. In the first phase, groups had to debug 5 programs within 15 minutes. After its completion they had to drink a healthy shot. In the second phase, they had to complete a program as soon as possible.

From each batch the groups who successfully completed the program first were declared the winners.

Congratulations, winners:

- Amrut Patro, Priti Sankar Senapati (BTech 3rd Year)
- Jyotirmayee Naik, Faizan Azim (BTech 2nd Year)
- Rupesh Raj Tripathy, Sunny Kumar (BTech 1st Year)

1.26 Importance of IoT & GUI

Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, NIST in association with Edgate Technologies and Texas Instruments conducted a webinar on “IMPORTANCE OF IoT & GUI” on 11th Nov., 2020. Mr. Kushal Nesarkar, Embedded Systems Engineer, was the keynote speaker of the event.

1.27 Embedded Systems Development

Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, NIST in association with Edgate Technologies and Texas Instruments conducted a webinar on “EMBEDDED SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT” on 5th Dec., 2020. Mr. Javad Baig D, Senior Embedded Systems Engineer, was the keynote speaker of the event. Mr. Mitu Baral, Asst. Prof., NIST co-ordinated the webinar.

2 ACHIEVEMENTS

2.1 Winners of Model Exhibition



Projects by NIST students came first and third at the Ever Green Forum organized model exhibition on 15th Sept., 2019 at Jayadev

Bhawan, Bhubaneswar on the eve of Engineers’ Day 2019. PV Bot (panel cleaning bot) by NIST EEE students Abhijit Biswas and Yuvraj Kumar won the first prize, and AQI Monitor by Pawan Kumar won the third. NIST Principal, and final year student Bhumik Varu were among the panelists of the discussion “Role of Engineers in an automated world” that was held after the exhibition.

2.2 WayUp’s Top Intern

Work speaks for itself, so does academics at NIST. NISTian Shiva Patro (2014 Batch Graduate) was Named One of WayUp’s Top 100 Interns in America.

2.3 Distinguished Faculty Award

NIT Silchar conferred Distinguished Faculty Award on NIST alumnus (graduate batch-2000) and our colleague Dr. Trupti Ranjan Lenka. Out of around 300 faculty of NIT Silchar, he is the only one to get this award in the year of its establishment.

2.4 Top Placements



NIST students Jasmant Kumar Jena and Simbran Patro got the highest package, 18.75 LPA at Western Digital, in NIST campus placement 2019.

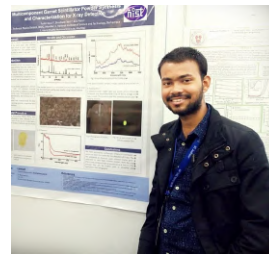
Our final year student, Simran Raj, made it to Texas Instruments at a lucrative package of Rs.21 LPA, during this lock down situation also.

Amar Sona landed a job at Jaro Education at Rs. 12 LPA.

73 Students from Core (Civil, Mechanical and Electrical) branches were placed at Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited (MEIL), Hyderabad. This is the highest ever core branch placement.

In 2019-20, NIST students got over 730 job offers.

2.5 NISTian at BARC



Tushit Sinha, a student member of NIST Device Group, was selected for Summer Research Fellowship 2019 at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai. That fellowship helped him present the paper “Multicomponent Garnet Scintillator Powder Synthesis and Characterization for X ray

Detection” at 64th DAE Solid State Physics Symposium organised by Bhabha Atomic Research Centre and sponsored by Board of Research in Nuclear Science and Department of Atomic Energy, India.

2.6 Faculty Honored

NIST faculty member Aresh K Tripathy was honored with Best Paper Presenter award for presenting “Multifunctional Holographic Grating for Simultaneous Coupling and Beam splitting Applications in Photonic Integrated Circuits” at 4th IEEE Conference on Electrical, Electronics, Communication, Computer Technologies and Optimization Techniques (ICEECCOT) organized by GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (Grade A, NAAC), Mysuru in association with IEEE Bangalore Section on 13th and 14th Dec., 2019.

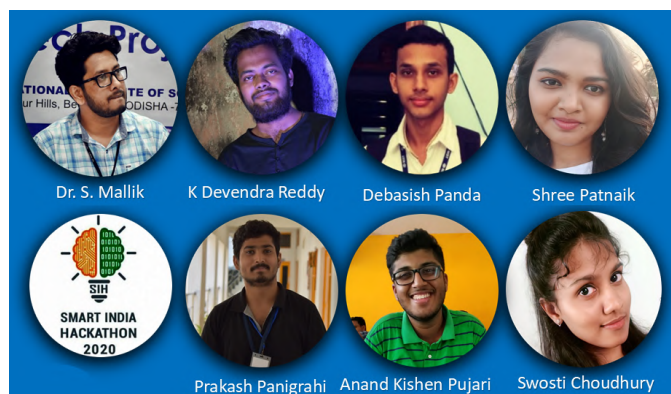
2.7 Student Exchange Program - Japan

- NIST student Varun Kumar had an amazing experience during a week-long Student Exchange program in Japan, the Sakura Science Plan (SSP). He first-hand witnessed the technological advancements and ongoing research trends within The University of Electro-Communications, a National University of Japan. He also experienced Japanese culture. There his primary activities included attending a prestigious international conference IRAGO and visiting labs and @Tsukuba Science Center, JAXA, and Miraikan - The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation where he saw HONDA ASIMO in action. He was also taught lessons in basic Japanese language. He also visited prominent tourist destinations in Japan

such as the Sensoji Temple, Asakusa, Skytree and Akihabara Japan.

- NIST student Sachitra Kumar Patra visited the The University of Electro-Communications, Japan from 26/10/2019 to 04/12/2019 in Sakura Science program, a student exchange/internship program that gives students an exposure to Japanese technological advancements and culture. The internship was amazing filled with Japanese hospitality and visits to JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency), museums and Skytree.
- NIST students Abinash Patnaik (2016 ECE), Ajit Dash (2016 ECE) and Piyush Pritam (2016 CIVIL) are selected to pursue Master's in universities abroad. Abinash Patnaik has been selected for the International College of Semiconductor Technology, National Chiao Tung University with a monthly stipend of 10,000 NTD. He was undertaking his research work under the guidance of Dr. Rajesh Kumar Patjoshi on the field of very-large-scale integration device designing. Ajit Dash has been selected for the Institute of Photonics and Optoelectronics, National Taiwan University with a monthly stipend of 30,000 NTD/month and an additional 40,000 NTD/Semester for the tuition fee waiver. He was pursuing his research work under the guidance of Dr. Sandipan Mallik on nanoelectronic device design and fabrication. Piyush Pritam has been selected for the Department of Civil Engineering, Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, Italy. His project guide was Dr. Roma Sahu Biswal. He was pursuing his research/study under the guidance of Dr. P Dinakar and Dr. Padmini Samal.

2.8 NIST @ Hackthon 2020



NIST team “GlucoNIST” makes it to top 3 finalists in Smart India Hackathon 2020 under the “Hardware Edition” of the problem statement “Non-invasive glucometer” (PR183). We wish all the best to GlucoNIST team members, Prakash Panigrahi (ECE), Debasish Panda (ECE), Shree Patnaik (ECE), K Devendra Reddy (CSE), Swosti Choudhury (EEE), and Anand Kishen Pujari (ECE), and the mentor Dr. Sandipan Mallik (faculty, ECE) for the grand finale!

2.9 Single Point of Incubation

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises recognized NIST as a Single Point of Incubation for South Odisha. Now on NIST will approve innovative ideas from

students, faculty members, and even the general public based on their merit for incubation at NIST infrastructure using Govt funding upto Rs. 15 lakhs. NIST is one among 7 such Govt recognized centers each of which gets an annual grant of Rs. 1 crore. So far it has incubated many startups in the campus. Also NIST students have won Smart India Hackathon 2019, and its faculty members have got maximum awards from BPUT.

2.10 NISTian Creates Record

NIST Civil Engineering Graduate (2018), Abhijeet Padhy achieved a unique feat of writing 1000 poems each with only 11 words. His anthology “QUETRY” was recognized by HighRange Book of World Records 2020.

2.11 Great Business Manager

NIST alumnus Swastik Mishra (1997-2001) won the Economic Times Great Business Manager of the Year award. Every year The Economic Times honors managers who have a proven track record of excellence in management from across India with the Great Manager of the Year award. Swastik is a distinguished senior level

Service Delivery/Program Manager working at Infosys. He has an illustrious career post his graduation from NIST. He has been offering an impressive record of taking on complex projects, developing improvement plans, executing to success, and eventually inspiring others.

3 CELEBRATIONS

3.1 Engineers’ Day



NIST Club Innova celebrated Engineers’ Day on 15th Sept., the birth anniversary of Nation-BUILDER and Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesaraya (popularly

known as Sir MV), India’s most prolific civil engineer, dam builder, economist and statesman. Sir MV was born on 15 September, 1861, in Muddenahalli near Chikkaballapur. He was also the Diwan of Mysore from 1912 to 1918. Due to his outstanding contribution to the society, Government of India conferred him with ‘Bharat Ratna’ in 1955. King George V also awarded him British Knighthood, and hence his name bears the honorary “sir”. He is also credited with inventing the Block System – automated doors that close in the conditions of overflow.

3.2 National Mathematic Day

In a significant initiative to inculcate a positive attitude towards learning mathematics among the students, Department of Mathematics, NIST, celebrated National Mathematics Day (Birthday of great Srinivasa Ramanujan) on 22nd Dec., 2019. In the event, Prof. Rankanidhi Sahu told the participants about the history, significance, and contributions of Ramanujan to Mathematics. The celebration was followed by a quiz competition among all participating students.



3.3 Republic Day Celebration

NIST celebrated 71st Republic Day amid much patriotic fervor. NIST Founder Chairman, Dr Sukant K Mohapatra, delivered his address to the gathering of NIST faculty, students and staff. Then NIST students performed in several patriotic cultural programs.



Dr. Mohapatra quoted Mark Twain to explain what a great potpourri India is – India is the

cradle of the human race, the birthplace of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of legend, and the great grandmother of tradition. Our most valuable and most artistic materials in the history of man are treasured up in India only! He said, “Our nation is large and diverse enough to qualify as a continent. On this day in 1950 we crafted our constitution with lofty ideals of individual freedom, liberty, and responsibility. Now it’s time to hold them dear to our hearts, and practise them in our everyday life. Our brave soldiers have sacrificed their lives to maintain the security and sovereignty of our country. And 26th of January is not just another day passing by; it’s a reminder of the idea of India. Be righteous, stand up for the righteous person, for the righteous cause, act without fear or favor. We’re a great nation already, but greatness is something we need to maintain and take forward. We can do that if we realize rights and responsibilities go hand-in-hand.”

3.4 Sankalp 2020



ISTE Students’ Chapter NIST organized its intercollege technomanagement festival “Sankalp 2020” on 13th and 14th Feb., 2020. Students from different engineering colleges participate in different events. This time SANKALP was themed around NETRA, Glisters of Innovation. According to mythology, Netra

depicts the third eye of Lord Shiva, which symbolizes ‘the end of negativity and the start of a new era,’ it is also an ‘eye of wisdom’ which is free from illusion, looks beyond the obvious with clear perception. Coincidentally

there are two different projects in India by this name, NETRA (Network TRAffic Analysis) by DRDO and Project NETRA (NETwork for space object TRacking and Analysis) by ISRO. It was a grand event where around 3000 students participated in 47 programs. The programs of NETRA were categorized in five pillars:

- NIVISTA: Integration of many things on a common platform
- EKAGRATA: To focus or to concentrate
- TEJOVAT: Speed or energetic move
- ANANT: Never-ending or Infinite
- RIDDHI: Perfection

4 FOR THE COMMUNITY

4.1 Health & Hygiene Camp



NSS Cell, NIST organized a week-long (28th Sept to 4th Oct) special camp in the nearby Manikpur village. After surveying the village, NIST NSS volunteers interacted with the residents. The

volunteers educated the villagers about the importance of plastic-free lifestyle, balanced nutritious diet, hygiene, road safety, and yoga. School students of the village participated in the NIST organized Art/Craft and Sports programs. The cell also distributed sanitary pads to ladies of the village.

4.2 Caring Senior Citizens



With the aim to sensitize the society about the needs of senior citizens, TEAM NSS NIST, celebrated the Christmas Day, 25th Dec., 2019, in Old Age Home, Om Jara Nivas Trust, Berhampur. NIST student volunteers interacted with the

inmates. Besides, they donated grocery to them. The visit concluded with lots of warmth and showers of blessings from the elderly towards the volunteers. NIST NSS has long been organizing such visits to create empathy in the students and to realise the social responsibilities towards senior citizens.

4.3 Beach Cleaning



Expect an overwhelming amount of litter past the

overwhelming fun and frolic of any event. A place of attraction is almost a ubiquitous place of small pieces of plastic – bottles, bags, nets and what not. It takes efforts to make the place as green and pristine as possible. That’s given! And that’s true for Gopalpur BEACH Festival 2019.

TEAM NSS NIST takes up cleanup activities on a regular basis at many places including the coastlines nearby making it a nicer, healthier place. TEAM NSS NIST Berhampur, along with Team NCS and other students of NIST turned this Sunday into a Cleanup day. Together they started the Beach Clean Up Drive at Gopalpur 29th Dec., 2019, in collaboration with WAY YOU WANT FOUNDATION Berhampur, Helping Hands Never Tire Berhampur and Robin Hood Army Berhampur. The campaign started under banner of WAY YOU WANT FOUNDATION, which brought RHA members, HHNT members, MKCG students, and NAC Gopalpur, Orissa into one fold and set example for many people of the locality who vouch for the betterment the area.

4.4 Joy of Giving



Giving is not just about making a donation, it is about making a difference. TEAM NSS NIST, Berhampur organized “JOY OF GIVING 2.0” from 7th to 10th Jan., 2020 when it collected woolen clothes and other winter items. Around 250 staff and students donated their unused clothes, blankets,

bed-sheets etc. The collected clothes were distributed among the poor and homeless. It was a small attempt towards the improvement of the society.

4.5 Blood Donation Camp

TEAM NSS NIST organized Blood Donation Camp on 18th Jan., 2020, in association with Sambad and Aama Odisha sponsored by HDFC Bank. Around 50 NIST NSS volunteers made the blood donation camp successful. The blood donation drive was organized at NIST-OCTAGON library hall. A team of nurses and doctors came from MKCG HOSPITAL, Blood Bank, Berhampur. Around 200 donors, including students and faculty members, donated blood. The event continued till 4 pm. The Odisha government, BLOOD BANK, gave Donors certificates with a badge.

5 FUN

5.1 Mini-Trekking



Student Activity Center, NIST, organized a mini-trekking expedition on 2nd Feb., 2020. The students participated in the expedition crossing 14 km – a combination of terrains from Ramaiyha Patnam to Dhabaleswar. NIST Founder chairman, Dr. Sukant K. Mohapatra, flagged the trek

at 7:30 am. The trekking took the participants closer to nature. It was a perfect event to break away from the routine and helped the participants discover their own fitness quotient.

5.2 Catching the Eclipse Live



When the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun, it results in total or partial obscuring of the Sun for the Earth. In an annular solar eclipse, the Sun looks like a ring because of the Moon’s apparent diameter which blocks most of the Sun’s light and makes the Sun look like an annulus. In

many parts of India, Annular eclipse appears as a partial eclipse. NIST Astronomy Club members observed and recorded this astronomical phenomenon on the Atrium terrace of the NIST Institute Park, Berhampur. The images of the eclipse posted here were captured through the Meade telescope at 09:43 IST when the eclipse was at its peak.

5.3 Umang Lit-Tech

NIST organized Inter-School Lit-Tech competition, Umang 2020, on 19th Jan., 2020, to develop constructive competitive spirit among the students and to reward their excellence. Over 500 secondary and higher secondary students participated in the day-long competition that comprised 14 events including Debate, Open Mic, Collage, Painting, Story Writing, Coding, Model Presentation, and Cloud Computing. Student team from St. Vincent’s Convent School, Berhampur was the champion of the competition, and Team De Paul School, Berhampur was the runners-up.

5.4 Club Excel’s Code Champ



Club Excel organized Code Champ competitions - Code-N-Play, Yukti Nirman, Cryptic Docs, Code-O-Quiz under the supervision faculty and club advisor G Vivekananda supported by B.Tech students Raj Kumar Kausik (3rd year),

Ashutosh Biswal (2nd year), and Abhishek Sahu (3rd year). 48 students from St. Vincent convent school, and De Paul school participated in the competitions.

5.5 Annual Sports Meet



NIST Annual Sports meet started on 4th March with great zeal and excitement. This mega inter college sports meet concluded on 9th March, 2020. It comprised 4 tournaments: 4th - 7th: 16th Asim Abhinash Memorial Engineers’ Cricket Cup 6th - 7th: Kabbadi

6th - 9th: Basketball

7th - 9th: Volleyball Tournament

Registrar of NIST, Shri Kshirod Mohapatra, inaugurated the event on a sunny morning yesterday. The inaugural was followed by 16th Asim Abhinash Memorial Engineers' Cricket Cup's maiden match between CIPET : CSTS, Bhubaneswar and Konark Institute of Science and technology. CIPET won the toss and chose to bowl.

5.6 Other Fun Programs

- Club Excel, the NIST programming club, conducted a Python Programming workshop at DAV School, Berhampur on 8th Nov. 2019.
- Club Excel organized a career development program on 19th Dec., 2019 for +2 students at Niranjan Government Women's College, Aska, Odisha.
- NIST Astronomy Club (NAC) organized an astro workshop at St. Xavier's High School, Berhampur on 23rd Dec 2019.
- NIST Club Innova organized its talent hunt competition, Rangmanch 5.0, on 28th and 29th Jan., 2020. Rangmanch is a NISTian effort to bring the budding stars of the campus to forefront. It covers singing, dancing, poetry, painting, cube solvers, beat boxers, group events, and more.
- NIST CAT CLUB organized the Chess Championship, Grand Masters 4.0, on 21st Jan., 2020, for over 800 high school students.
- Department of Management hosted mega management inter college competition, TAKSHAK, on 1st Feb., 2020. 8 institutions including KIIT University, Astha Bhubaneswar, and Khallikote College participated in the event. NIST founder chairman, Dr. Sukant K Mohapatra, distributed prizes to the winners.

