

Press Release



National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research, Kolkata (Deemed to be University)

at the 62nd Foundation Day of the Institute

(NITTTR Kolkata Celebrates 62nd Foundation Day with Grand Academic, Cultural and Alumni Engagement Programmes)

The National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research, Kolkata (NITTTR Kolkata) commenced its year-long celebration of the 62nd Foundation Day on 11 January 2026, marking over six decades of dedicated service towards quality assurance and capacity building in the technical education system of India.

A fully centrally funded institute under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, NITTTR Kolkata has been playing a pivotal role in strengthening both polytechnic and degree-level technical education across the country. The Institute began its journey on **11 January 1965** as the *Technical Teachers' Training Institute (Eastern Region)* and, in recognition of its exemplary contributions, was elevated to National Level Institute. In **2024**, the Institute was conferred **Deemed to be University status under the Distinct Category** by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

The Foundation Day celebration on 11 January 2026 began with the hoisting of the National Flag and the Institute Flag, followed by the National Anthem, symbolizing the Institute's commitment to national service and academic excellence. The inaugural session was held at the **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Auditorium**, where the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana marked the formal commencement of the event.

The programme was graced by the presence of eminent dignitaries, including the **Hon'ble Chief Guest, Prof. Rajeev Srivastava, Director, IIIT Ranchi, Guest of Honour, Shri Om Prakash Mishra, Executive Director (Community Development) Coal India Limited, Shri Sajjan Bhajanka, Chairman, Board of Governors, NITTTR Kolkata** and along with other distinguished guests, Ex-members of Faculty and Staff, alumni, faculty members, officials, staff, trainees, students, and research scholars.

During the inaugural session, **Professor V.M.S.R Murthy, Director, (Additional Charge), NITTTR Kolkata**, delivered an address on the 62nd Foundation Day, highlighting its six-decade journey in advancing technical education in Eastern and North-Eastern Region of India as well as across the nation. He emphasized the institute's pivotal role in faculty and staff development, curriculum design, research, and skill development across sectors like construction, mining, health, and agriculture. At present, NITTTR Kolkata offers Post Graduate (PG), and PhD programs. The institute has collaborated with international organizations, implemented national educational policies, and contributed to polytechnic and vocational education. Director also praised the dedication of faculty, staff, trainees, and stakeholders, reaffirming NITTTR Kolkata's commitment to innovation, inclusivity, and excellence in technical education and skill development for the nation.

The Hon'ble Chairman, Board of Governors, NITTTR, Kolkata, Padma Shri Sajjan Bhajanka, in his address, reminded the 62nd Foundation Day of the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research Kolkata, reflecting on its remarkable six-decade journey of strengthening technical education in India. The Hon'ble Chairman, emphasizes the central role of teachers in shaping better engineers, noting that the world's rapid technological and AI-driven changes demand a shift from conventional lecture-based teaching to interactive, problem-solving, and technology-enabled pedagogy. In this address he urged Faculty members for continually enhance their skills, focusing on communication, industry exposure, research-based teaching, and innovative learning methods, as the growth of teachers directly drives institutional progress. The speech underscores the hope that NITTTR will not only maintain its national prominence but also emerge as a global benchmark in technical teachers' training, setting standards for excellence, inspiring innovation, and shaping the next generation of engineers. The speaker concludes by congratulating and encouraging faculty, staff, students, and leaders to continue their pursuit of excellence and global impact in the years ahead.

Addressing the gathering, the **Guest of Honour, Shri Om Prakash Mishra, Executive Director (Community Development), Coal India Limited**, reflects on the journey of Bengal and its cultural roots, connecting it to a decades long journey of growth and identity. Sharing personal experiences, he emphasizes the transformative role of engineers in building infrastructure and improving lives, recounting advice to "convert a desert into heaven." He highlights that technical teachers play an even greater role, acting as lamps of hope who ignite creativity, knowledge, and societal development in young minds. Despite challenges like remote locations and harsh conditions, their work shapes the future of Indian education, promotes sustainability, and ensures progress reaches every corner of the country. Ultimately, the speech celebrates the dedication of engineers and teachers as pivotal forces in nation-building and societal advancement.

The **Hon'ble Chief Guest, Prof. Rajeev Srivastava, Director, IIIT Ranchi**, in his keynote address, reflects on the proud legacy and expanded mandate of NITTTR Kolkata, highlighting its critical role in advancing technical education, research, consultancy, skill development, and national capacity building in a rapidly changing digital era. In alignment with NEP 2020, Digital India, and the vision of Vikshit Bharat@2047, the address stresses the urgent need to modernize curricula, adopt flexible learning pathways, and integrate ethics, social responsibility, Indian Knowledge Systems, culture, and sustainability into engineering education. Teachers are called upon to continuously retrain, unlearn, and adapt to new technologies and learner expectations, while motivating students to engage with core engineering, societal challenges, and national development. Emphasis is placed on inclusivity, multilingual learning, industry alignment, self-reliance, and innovation, ensuring that technical education not only produces skilled professionals but also responsible citizens who contribute to social harmony, green growth, and India's long-term global competitiveness.

The Dean (Faculty and Academic Affairs) expressed the academic activities, while expressing the primary mandate of offering training programs. He illustrated that we must also focus on academic excellence, research, and broader visibility at national and international levels. Acknowledging the contributions of past and present faculty and staff, we need to attract more full-time students, assess the relevance of our M.Tech programs, and consider introducing B.Tech programs to stay competitive. An integrated approach involving all departments, along with industry collaboration through skill courses and sponsored training, is essential for growth. Initiatives like the three-centre of excellence program demonstrate our potential, but continued effort in training, academics, and industry engagement is crucial to strengthen our institute's profile.

The Dean (Research Planning and Development) addresses everyone on this auspicious day, marking the 62nd year of the institute and its evolution into a Deemed to be University under distinct category. This day celebrates the vision and dedication of the founders, past faculty, and current members who have transformed the institute step by step. As we face a world driven by AI, machine learning, and dynamic technological change, research, innovation, and industry collaboration are critical. With ongoing national projects, skill development programs, and international learning, we aim to strengthen teaching, foster emerging technologies, and contribute globally. Together, through integrated efforts and focused planning, we can advance the institute's mission and shape its future.

The programme also featured felicitations of dignitaries and presentations on institutional activities. The Institute also recognized outstanding employees for their dedicated service.

Post-inaugural sessions included the inauguration of the Alumni Association Office, followed by interactive sessions with retired employees and alumni, reinforcing the Institute's strong intergenerational connection. The celebrations continued with sports activities, prize and certificate distribution, and concluded with a vibrant cultural programme presented by students, staff, and an invited cultural band.

The **62nd Foundation Day celebration** concluded with a collective reaffirmation of NITTTR Kolkata's commitment to nation-building through quality technical teacher education, research, innovation, and institutional leadership, setting the tone for a year-long series of academic and outreach activities.

