

IIT Bhubaneswar

Message from Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director to Students

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Dear students,

I assumed charge as Director on 22nd April 2015. As you were taking your end semester examinations followed by Summer vacation, I could not get an opportunity to address you, share the vision I am carrying for IIT Bhubaneswar and express my mind. However, I did not want to miss the the outgoing B Tech, MSc and MTech students, discussed with them and took their feedback about the academics at IIT Bhubaneswar, as per their own perception.



The last two months of my time have gone mainly into the following:

- (i) Reviewing all the operations and sections of IIT Bhubaneswar
- (ii) Taking up many unfinished infrastructure items at the permanent campus and creation of services that are essential in making it habitable to commence our journey there as you come back from summer vacation.
- (iii) Some urgent steps to create education of a high standard including selection of very reputed senior professors from those who have recently retired from service from IITs and IISc.

I am very keen on helping to put an education system of very high standards at IIT Bhubaneswar and started working on it from day one of assuming charge. Personally I feel that we should put up a holistic education system well rounded excellence comprising of a right teaching learning process of high standards, self work by students, participatory and objective oriented learning and make it the signature of IIT Bhubaneswar. Efforts have already begun in that direction and I am sure of realizing the dream with the spirited participation all concerned. You have a very important role to play in realizing this dream and I hope that you would live up to it with active participation.

I am aware of the fact that many of you have been longing to live in our permanent campus so that you can cherish its memories, remain in touch even after graduation and keep returning to satisfy your nostalgic mind. Apparently due to delays in the commencement and progress of the construction activity, the Institute has been forced to continuously postpone movement to its new campus. I am aware of the fact that shifting at the beginning of the next semester cannot be realised unless some of infrastructure items, security and essential services are made ready and put in place on war footing. Many of our faculty and staff have worked very aggressively, day and night over the last two months,

some serious gaps in the infrastructure could be filled, play fields could be created, many services including security, round the clock availability of doctors in the newly created hospital, water, electricity, connectivity, transportation and catering could be created, now the campus is made habitable and almost ready to greet your arrival. We have boldly decided to make your student life begin in our permanent campus from the starting of the next semester. In spite of a lot of effort that has gone in and care that has been taken, initially the campus may pose many challenges. Let us be prepared to face them and let us overcome the same as early as possible. Since the campus is situated in the fringe areas of a forest, you may come across some unfriendly venomous reptiles and you need to be careful. Efforts have already been put in to take up a massive plantation activity, please join in this endeavour and help us in turning our campus in to a zero energy drawing and green field campus. I am longing to see the campus buzzing with academic and extra academic activities with students seen everywhere in the play fields, community center, the general computing facility besides others.

Now onwards, we would be gradually shifting the operations including academics in to the permanent campus as and when a piece of infrastructure is handed over to us. We envision to promote holistic education supported with innovation and research culture and you are expected to shape into well rounded personalities with sound preparation in your branch of engineering or science. I shall personally try to see that the new campus provides ample opportunities to you in this regard. Hope that you would enjoy every moment of your student life in our permanent campus. I shall interact with you on an early opportunity as soon as you return after your summer break and discuss about academics. I wish you all the best.

Prof R V Raja Kumar
Director