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IIT Bhubaneswar completes semester examination for 2020-21 amid COVID-19 pandemic scare | Information

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Bhubaneswar: Indian Institute of Expertise, Bhubaneswar has accomplished its spring finish semester examinations of 2020-21 for all of its college students aside from the primary yr BTech regardless of the COVID-19 pandemic, an official mentioned.

The primary-year college students' examination will take a month and a half extra because of late admission and late beginning of the semester throughout all of the IITs throughout the nation. The spring-end semester examinations of 2020-21 have been accomplished for all college students on Might 15.

Final yr in March 2020, earlier than the lockdown was introduced, the institute switched to on-line schooling with none hole because of prior planning, improvements, and execution, a senior official mentioned.

The institute additionally developed a really distinctive and progressive on-line technique to carry complete pen and paper exams, educated its school and utilized the identical very efficiently to carry the end-semester examination, in Might 2020, he mentioned.

"Because of the very robust pandemic, the speculation lessons for all the 2020-21 too have been performed on-line, well timed for all the scholars. For science and engineering college students hands-on laboratory coaching is necessary and carrying on the identical in the course of the pandemic posed a major problem," mentioned Prof Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar.

He mentioned the lab programs have been organized for college kids with each (i) bodily presence with hands-on expertise and (ii) on-line by live-streaming or pre-recorded video of demonstration of experiments carried out on the lab desk by the school members. Within the later technique college students are supplied with the stay video streaming of the demonstration of an experiment in the course of the lab class as per the timetable, he mentioned.

All college students aside from the freshers have been delivered to the campus and so they had their full lab periods with a bodily presence on the campus throughout February-April 2021 very efficiently.

Because of the onset of the second wave of the pandemic in a extreme type, the lab follow with bodily presence of the freshers has been postponed and it is going to be accomplished as quickly as it's conducive, the director mentioned, including that even the additional tutorial exercise (EAA) together with Yoga lessons and follow of the primary yr BTech college students could possibly be carried out on-line in a really progressive and distinctive manner in the course of the pandemic.

Challenge and analysis seminars, evaluations, of UG, PG and PhD programes have been performed over on-line platforms, he mentioned.

Stating that sustaining good wellbeing and safety from the pandemic is extra necessary than working the teachers in requirements, Prof Rajakumar mentioned: "IIT Bhubaneswar campus has been saved Covid-free besides for five instances in September 2021 and as much as 7 instances in April 2021 and 5 instances in Might 2021, by a really strict and spirited implementation of the Covid protocols, consciousness campaigns and participation of the entire fraternity in the identical."

These requirements of safety could possibly be achieved, even because the important companies of the campus together with places of work like that of the Director have been by no means closed in the course of the pandemic.

"Although the scenario in Odisha has been higher, practically 90 per cent of our college students come from all locations within the nation, as much as 2000 migrant staff stayed within the campus, and the challenges have been like wherever else," he mentioned.

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