

IIT Bhubaneswar concludes end-semester exams amid COVID pandemic By <u>Prashant singh</u>May 20, 2021

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar has accomplished its spring-end semester examinations of 2020-21 for all of its college students aside from the first-year BTech college students regardless of COVID-19 pandemic, an official stated. The first yr college students examination will take a month and half extra because of late admission and late beginning of the semester throughout all of the IIT's throughout the nation. The spring-end semester examinations of 2020-21 have been accomplished for all college students on May 15.

In March 2020, earlier than the lockdown was introduced, the institute switched to on-line training with none hole because of prior planning, improvements, and execution, a senior official stated. The institute additionally developed an revolutionary on-line methodology to carry complete pen and paper exams, skilled its college, and utilized the identical very efficiently to carry the end-semester examination in May 2020, he stated.

"Due to the very tough pandemic, the theory classes for the entire 2020-21 too were conducted online, timely for all the students. For science and engineering students hands-on laboratory training is important and carrying on the same during the pandemic posed a serious problem," stated Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar.

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He stated the lab programs have been organized for college students with each bodily presence with hands-on expertise and on-line by live-streaming or pre-recorded video of an illustration of experiments carried out on the lab desk by the college members.

In the latter methodology, college students are supplied with the reside video streaming of the demonstration of an experiment in the course of the lab class as per the timetable, he stated. All college students aside from the freshers have been dropped at the campus they usually had their full lab classes with a bodily presence on the campus throughout February-April 2021 very efficiently.

Due to the onset of the second wave of the pandemic in a extreme type, the lab observe with the bodily presence of the freshers have been postponed and it is going to be accomplished as quickly as it's conducive, the director stated, including that even the Extra Academic Activity (EAA) together with Yoga lessons and the observe of the primary yr BTech college students might be performed on-line in a really revolutionary and distinctive manner in the course of the pandemic. Project and analysis seminars, evaluations, of UG, PG, and PhD applications have been performed over on-line platforms, he stated.

"Though the situation in Odisha has been better, nearly 90 percent of our students come from all places in the country, up to 2000 migrant workers stayed on the campus, and the challenges have been like anywhere else," he stated.

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