

## ATAL faculty development programme begins at IIT Bhubaneswar



*Representational image.*

BHUBANESWAR: AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) faculty development programme on 'Personal Effectiveness' has been started at IIT Bhubaneswar. The initiative is ensuring skill improvisation for all India council for technical education (AICTE) affiliated teachers in these challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic.

IIT Bhubaneswar is organising the first ever ATAL faculty development programme (FDP) which offers continuous learning opportunities to faculty members of AICTE approved institutions from all over the country. It will continue till November 6.

This programme was inaugurated on Monday in the presence of Vinay Sahasrabudhe, chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on HRD, AICTE chairman Anil Sahasrabudhe and IIT Bhubaneswar director RV Raja Kumar.

Official sources said faculty members of the AICTE approved institutions, research scholars, postgraduate scholars, participants from government, CBSE teachers, industry (bureaucrats/technicians/participants from industry) and staff of host institutions can take part in the programme.

FDPs are free for all participants. One participant can apply for maximum two FDPs. Number of participants from host institution should be less than 30 per cent of the total participants of the programme.

ATAL academies have been established by AICTE to look after these training programmes. Main objective of these academies is to plan and help in imparting quality technical education in the country and to support technical institutions in fostering research, innovation and entrepreneurship through training in various emerging areas.

"Through our continuous learning programmes, IIT Bhubaneswar always leads the path in teaching and learning with a sustained effort to enhance the skills sets of teachers from all over the country. Around 200 faculty members from AICTE recognized Institutions from across the country are participating in the week-long event," said Raja Kumar.