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IIT BBS BEGINS NEW ACADEMIC YEAR ON TIME INSTITUTE'S PLACEMENT SEASON FROM OCT 31

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The Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar commenced classes for the new academic year 2020-21 for its on-roll students on August 17 and for the new Postgraduate students (MTech, MSc and PhD courses) on August 27 amidst Covid-19 pandemic.

All the classes are now being live-streamed to students' homes. The present semester has started almost on time, with only a delay of three weeks compared to the normal or non-pandemic situation. The students would be brought to the campus through an SOP as the situation improves and

permits, informed a release.

"We could start the new academic year on time and we are now left with the only challenge of commencing the classes for fresh and 2020-21-batch of BTech students. After JEE Mains and JEE (Advanced) examinations, we will be able to save the academic year of the BTech freshers," said Director Prof RV Raja Kumar.

Stating that the online mode has some drawbacks and some advantages, Kumar said, "Our endeavor should be to minimize the disadvantages and capitalise on the advantages."

Academic Dean Dr Pravas R Sahu said, "The IIT Bhubaneswar completed its

education of the last academic year on time without any compromises by innovative online means."

The institute authorities had earlier informed that the first flush of pre-placement offers (PPOs) has already been received. Companies like Microsoft, DeShaw, Goldman Sachs, GEP Solutions etc make pre-placement offers based on performance of candidates who have interned with them.

Director Prof Kumar said offers as high as 43 LPA CTC have already been made. The upcoming placement season will start at the IIT Bhubaneswar from October 31, 2020 via online mode owing to the Covid-19 restrictions, he said.