

## IIT Bhubaneswar Goes Online For Students

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In the wake of Covid 19, the Indian Institute of Technology (ITT) Bhubaneswar, has started live online streaming of theory classes for its students in an innovative way. The step has been initiated considering the safety of the students and for completing the academic session.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. RV Raja Kumar informed, "We have taken proactive measures to prevent contact and spread of COVID-19. We gave options to the students to stay in the campus or go to their respective homes, respecting their wish made as per their safety and risk assessment in this crisis time. In the campus, all actions have been taken for safety and isolation and classes are continuing."

The classes are video streamed live to all those who have gone to their respective homes or hostel rooms. The students can put their questions live through chat and same can be immediately answered by a teacher. This is done to ensure that the semester of the students is saved, in the unlikely case of a prolonged crisis. The live video lectures can be taken by a student on a desktop or laptop or even on a mobile phone," he said.

The Institute is making use of Microsoft Team software through which online lectures are being facilitated for students. Attendance is also being taken online through the system.

"Our students staying anywhere in the world can access the lectures. The live classes are going on flawlessly with only some occasional minor issues," said Rajakumar.

The institute has also requested the faculty to save the videos for future references. "If any student faces any problem to access the live streaming, they can get the saved video link to watch the session," he added.

The institute is taking all adequate precautionary steps to prevent exposure at its campus from Covid 19. The institute has put itself on high alert, taken all the actions related to cancelling of all foreign travel and taken steps like putting biometric attendance in abeyance. The hostel workers have been asked to stay inside the campus. That apart, maintaining sanitation of high standards and hygiene, thermal screening particularly of those coming into the campus, preparedness for right medical care and transitory isolation if any, procurement of related equipment's such as thermal screening scanners, fumigation apparatus among others, are also being done.

\*Proper sanitation of classrooms, tables, door handles, railings, dustbins is being strictly carried out and spraying of disinfectant is effectively been practised. In addition, the institute had already organised awareness talks and circulated relevant information to all within the campus," he informed.

He informed that the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (DoPT) through MHRD and the guidelines provided by the state government are being strictly followed.

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