

IIT Bhubaneswar to hold its 9th convocation in hybrid mode on December 4

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Owing to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation in the country, the <u>Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar</u> has announced that it will be hosting its ninth Annual Convocation in hybrid mode tomorrow; December 4, 2020. Students will be given the choice to join the convocation ceremony in person or in online mode. Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal will be the chief guest and will be addressing the convocation through video conferencing, while Union Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre will be the guest of honour. The institute will confer degrees to 446 students, including 35 PhD, 141 MTech, 70 MSc and 200 BTech during the convocation. The President of India Gold Medal will be awarded to Aditya Pal of Computer Science and Engineering, Director's Gold Medal will be awarded to Sanket Dey Chowdhury of the School of Infrastructure, and Director's Gold Medal will also be awarded to Souvick Chakraborty of the Physics, School of Basic Sciences. Similarly, silver medals will also be awarded to the high-achievers.

Professor R V Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar said, the convocation is a celebration of the graduation of students who earned their degrees through hard work and the institute is keen on their live participation. During the event, the Union education minister is scheduled to inaugurate the student activity centre (SAC), play courts and the building of the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management, of the institute, the statement said.

IIT Bhubaneswar was set up as a part of the eight new IITs established by the Indian Government following The Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Act, 2011. The institute stood at 17th rank among the Engineering colleges in India as per NIRF 2019 rankings.

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