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Bhubaneswar: Despite the unprecedented challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, IIT Bhubaneswar is offering 5 Spring 2020-21 exams for all students except the first year of B Tech. Completed on the 15th of March. The institution said it operates scholars on uncompromising standards to complete the exam.

According to sources, B Tech's first year exam will take more than a month and a half due to delayed admission and delayed semester start at all IITs.

“Before the blockade was announced in March last year, the institute switched to online education without gaps for advance planning, innovation and execution. A unique innovation to conduct a comprehensive pen and paper exam. Developed an online method and conducted a final exam in May last year. Since March last year, it has not changed its academic rules and standards,” said an official source at the National Institute.

RVRaja Kumar, director of IITBhubaneswar, said the entire theory class for 2020-21 was held online due to the pandemic situation. Conducting on-the-job training for students in the Faculty of Science and Engineering was a challenge for the institute. However, he added, the training was organized by the physical presence of the students and livestreaming or pre-recorded videos of demonstrations of experiments conducted by faculty at the lab table via online mode.

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In the second method, students were provided with live video streaming of experiment demonstrations during laboratory classes according to a timetable. From February to April of this year, all students except freshmen were brought to campus and participated in a complete lab session that physically exists on campus. As the second wave of the pandemic began, laboratory practice in which the physical presence of freshmen was postponed and completed as soon as it was encouraged, Raja Kumar said.

He said that during the pandemic, extracurricular activities (EAA), including yoga classes and B Tech first grade exercises, can be done online in a very innovative and unique way. He added that project and research seminars, UG, PG, and PhD program evaluations are conducted on online platforms.

The director said the IIT Bhubaneswar campus remains Covid-free, with the exception of five in September, seven in April, and five in May. The institute recently received the “University of the Year” award from FICCI for its performance during a pandemic.

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