



## IIT Bhubaneswar begins live Streaming of classes amidst Coronavirus outbreak

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The screenshot shows the IIT Bhubaneswar website. At the top, there is a logo on the left and the text "भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान भुवनेश्वर" and "Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar" in the center. On the right, there is a search bar and a "Go" button. Below the header is a navigation menu with links like Home, The Institute, People, Schools, Academics, Students, Quick Links, Media, Admissions, R&D, Placements, Alumni Affairs, Jobs, Outreach, and Programs. A banner below the menu reads "Bhubaneswar Celebrates National Science Day with Zeal | Message from the Director: Gratitude from Director for the 3rd Open Day and Grand Science & Technology Exhibition at IIT Bhubaneswar | 12th Foundation Day". The main content area features a large image of a woman presenting a memento to a man, with a caption: "Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT BBS felicitating Dr. Bijayantimala Mishra, Professor and HOD, Department of Microbiology, AIIMS Bhubaneswar with a memento on the eve of Awareness Talk Session on Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19)". To the right of the image is a "News & Updates" section with a heading "INFORMATION RELATED TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS" and a list of news items, including "Do's and Don'ts - Preventive measures to be taken to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)", "Message to students from Dean, Student Affairs", "Preparedness against Corona Virus (Covid-19) at IIT Bhubaneswar", "Precautionary advisory to arrest the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) within IIT Bhubaneswar Campus", "Precautionary Measures and Awareness about Novel Corona Virus (Covid-19)", "Basic protective measures against the new coronavirus", "Awareness Programme on Novel Corona Virus (Covid-19) Organized At IIT Bhubaneswar", "Admission into Ph.D. Programme for Autumn 2020-21", "Admission into M.Tech. Programme 2020-21", and "International Woman's Day Celebrated At IIT Bhubaneswar".

While schools and colleges across the country have shut and examinations have been postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak in the country, the teaching and learning process does not seem to be affected at the IIT Bhubaneswar campus. The institution has begun live-streaming classes for the students since being closed as part of precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus also known as COVID-19.

The institution authorities along with the students have been showing concern for completing the course in time in order to conduct the examinations as per the schedule of the academic calendar. And in order to do so, the students and teachers have opened accounts of Microsoft Teams. As per reports, as the teacher starts giving lectures, the students will get a notification and will be able to see the live streaming of the lectures. The students attending the lectures

will also be able to ask questions in the chat sections. All this using a laptop with the facility of a web camera.

IIT Bhubaneswar Director, RV Rajakumar said that the institution has been closed after getting a direct order from the government as part of preventing the spread of the disease. He said that the institution cannot conduct the physical classes during such a situation but online classes will be taken to complete the courses in time.

He also said that the institution has started streaming live classes for its students and the students who stay anywhere in the country will be able to access these lectures. He also pointed out that in case a student wants to ask a question, they can do so in the chats sections or they can text the same to the teachers, clarify the doubts over a topic in the next class.

The director also added that the live streaming started on Wednesday onwards and that the teachers have been asked to save the videos for further reference. In case any students face problems accessing the live streaming of the classes they can get the saved video link to watch the lessons later.

Apart from IIT Bhubaneswar, Utkal University has also started e-learning systems for its students to continue the classes in the university as the classes have been shut due to the state government orders for all institutions to be closed to the COVID-19 outbreak in the country.