

## IIT Bhubaneswar begins new academic session online

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Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar has started its new session for the academic year 2020-21. PHOTO: Shutterstock

Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar has started its new session for the academic year 2020-21 in online mode for both existing and new MTech, MSc and PhD students. “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 will be brought to the campus through an SOP as the situation improves and permits,” the official statement said.

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Director Prof R V Raja Kumar said, “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 B Tech students.”

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As JEE Mains and JEE (Advanced) exams will be conducted in September, Mr Kumar said, “The institute will be able to admit the students, and start their classes after a couple of months and save the academic year of the BTech freshers. It is certainly feasible to cope up with the pandemic and reduce the risks by being conscious and by taking the precautions to give right opportunities for our youth. The pandemic forced us to start the new academic year through online mode. It has some drawbacks and some advantages too. Our endeavour should be to minimize the disadvantages and capitalize on the advantages. A student should be aware of it that one has to be entrepreneurial in arranging a device and connectivity and also put the extra effort in making one’s learning from the online education effective. The society can hope for this at the present juncture from the students of higher education.”

Dr Pravas R Sahu, Dean (Academic) said, “IIT Bhubaneswar completed its education of the last academic year without any compromises and timely by live streaming of classes, conducting remaining laboratory classes and thesis work by online means, conducting conventional examinations by creating and adopting a unique and very innovative online method for all of its students, despite the Covid-19 pandemic.”

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