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IIT Bhubaneswar completes academics for 2020-21

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IIT Bhubaneswar conducted its academics in uncompromised standards, and completed its Spring end semester examinations of 2020-21 on 15 May 2021 for all of its students except for the 1st year BTech which will take a month and half more due to late admission and late starting of the semester across all the IIT's, said the institute.

Last year in March 2020, before the lockdown was announced, the institute switched to online education without any gap due to prior planning, innovations and execution.

The institute also developed a very unique and innovative online method to hold a comprehensive pen and paper exams trained its faculty and applied the same very successfully to hold the end-



semester examination, in May 2020.

Ever since the institute didn't have to alter its academic regulations and standards and completed the academics for 2020-21 for its students.

Prof Raja Kumar, Director, said, "due to the very tough pandemic, the theory classes for the entire 2020-21 too were conducted online, timely for all the students. For science and engineering students hands-on laboratory training is important and carrying on the same during the pandemic posed a serious problem. The Lab courses

were organized for students with both (i) physical presence with hands-on experience and (ii) online by live streaming or pre-recorded video of a demonstration of experiments performed on the lab table by the faculty members.

Due to the onset of the second wave of the pandemic in a severe form, the lab practice with physical presence of the freshers has been postponed.

Prof Rajakumar said IIT Bhubaneswar campus has been kept Covid-free except for 5 cases in September 2021 and up to 7 cases in April 2021 and 5 cases in May 2021.