

IIT Bhubaneswar completes academics 2020-21 with uncompromising standards during pandemic

Smooth switch to online education because of planning, innovation and execution

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IIT Bhubaneswar developed a unique and innovative online method to hold comprehensive pen-and-paper exams, trained its faculty and applied the same successfully to hold the end-semester examination. Image Source: IIT Bhubaneswar

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar, successfully completed an academic year amid the pandemic.

The institute completed its Spring-end semester examinations 2020-21 on May 15 for all students, except for first-year BTech.

IIT Bhubaneswar had switched to online education in March 2020. The institute developed a unique and innovative online method to hold comprehensive pen-and-paper exams, trained its faculty and applied the same successfully to hold the end-semester examination.

This is how the institute imparted education during the pandemic:

- Lab courses organised for students both hands-on and online by livestreaming or using pre-recorded video of demonstration of experiments by faculty members
- All the students imparted online training
- All students except freshers brought to campus for full lab sessions
- Extra-academic activities, including yoga classes, online
- Project and research seminars, evaluation on online platforms

“The IIT Bhubaneswar campus has been largely COVID-free except for five cases in September 2020, up to seven cases in April 2021 and five cases in May 2021. This was achieved through a very strict and spirited implementation of COVID protocol, awareness campaigns and participation of the whole fraternity in the same. These standards of protection could be achieved, even as essential services on campus never closed during pandemic,” IIT Bhubaneswar director Raja Kumar said.

The institute carried out and successfully developed several products for combating COVID, conducted a study on effectiveness of masks and contributed research on drug repurposing and drug inhibitors.

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