

IIT Bhubaneswar completes semester examination despite epidemic

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Semester examinations for the session 2020-21 have been completed at the Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar amid the outbreak of the global pandemic Kovid-19. These exams were conducted for all other years except for first year students of B.Tech. An official said that the examination of the first year students will take another one and a half months as the admission to the IIT institutes across the country was delayed in the first year and the semester also started late.

He informed that the semester examinations for the rest of the students were completed on 15 May.

A senior official said that the institute had started online teaching in March 2020, even before the lockdown was announced due to the already planned scheme.

He said that in May 2020, the institute devised a unique online method to take pen-paper exams with the aim of conducting end-semester examinations. For this, faculty members were also trained and through this process successfully conducted the examination.

IIT Bhubaneswar Director Prof. Raja Kumar said, “Due to the epidemic, the theory classes were held online for the entire 2020-21 session.

The official said that the experimental classes were conducted both directly and online. Education was imparted to students in online experimental classes with live video streaming.

He said that except the first year students, the remaining students came to the campus during February-April 2021 and attended classes in the laboratories.

The director said that direct laboratory classes for new students were suspended amidst the outbreak of the second wave of the epidemic and would be completed soon.

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