

IIT Bhubaneswar completes semester examination for 2020-21 amid COVID-19 pandemic scare

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**Bhubaneswar:** Indian Institute of Expertise, Bhubaneswar has accomplished its spring finish semester examinations of 2020-21 for all of its college students apart from the primary 12 months BTech regardless of the COVID-19 pandemic, an official stated.

The primary-year college students' examination will take a month and a half extra as a consequence of late admission and late beginning of the semester throughout all of the IITs throughout the nation. The spring-end semester examinations of 2020-21 have been accomplished for all college students on Might 15.

Final 12 months in March 2020, earlier than the lockdown was introduced, the institute switched to on-line schooling with none hole as a consequence of prior planning, improvements, and execution, a senior official stated.

The institute additionally developed a really distinctive and revolutionary on-line methodology to carry complete pen and paper exams, skilled its college and utilized the identical very efficiently to carry the end-semester examination, in Might 2020, he stated.

“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,” stated Prof Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar.

He stated the lab programs had been organized for college kids with each (i) bodily presence with hands-on expertise and (ii) on-line by live-streaming or pre-recorded video of demonstration of experiments carried out on the lab desk by the college members.

Within the later methodology college students are supplied with the dwell video streaming of the demonstration of an experiment through the lab class as per the timetable, he stated.

All college students apart from the freshers had been delivered to the campus they usually had their full lab periods with a bodily presence on the campus throughout February-April 2021 very efficiently.

Because of the onset of the second wave of the pandemic in a extreme type, the lab observe with bodily presence of the freshers has been postponed and it will likely be accomplished as quickly as it's conducive, the director stated, including that even the additional tutorial exercise (EAA) together with Yoga courses and observe of the primary 12 months BTech college students might be finished on-line in a really revolutionary and distinctive means through the pandemic.

Venture and analysis seminars, evaluations, of UG, PG and PhD programmes have been carried out over on-line platforms, he stated.

Stating that sustaining good well being and safety from the pandemic is extra essential than operating the lecturers in requirements, Prof Rajakumar stated: “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, through a very strict and spirited implementation of the Covid protocols, awareness campaigns and participation of the whole fraternity in the same.”

These requirements of safety might be achieved, even because the important companies of the campus together with places of work like that of the Director had been by no means closed through the pandemic.

“Though the situation in Odisha has been better, nearly 90 per cent of our students come from all places in the country, up to 2000 migrant workers stayed in the campus, and the challenges have been like anywhere else,” he stated.

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