

IIT Bhubaneswar successfully conducts end-semester exams online amid COVID-19

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IIT Bhubaneswar has successfully conducted the end-semester examinations for final-year students online, the institute said on Wednesday. The exams were conducted from June 24 to June 30. Students were given the option to attempt the exam in offline mode and upload the answer sheets to the university.

The institute stated that “526 final-year students including a fraction of others who registered for the final year courses participated in the examination.” According to records shared by the institute, 167 MTech students, 206 BTech students, 75 MSc students, 42 PhD students and 36 dual degree students participated in the exams.

IIT Bhubaneswar said that they have successfully conducted the exam procedure in online mode because of its less dependency on Internet connectivity. Internet connection was only

required during “question paper access, answer paper uploading and invigilation.” The institute also claimed that it provided “multiple options to facilitate students to take the test with fairness” even though access to technology varied among students.

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“One of the challenges faced in the system design is to provide fairness of access to students who have a lot of variation in available gadgets and internet connectivity. Since the answering can also be done with pen and paper, the requirement of the internet is reduced to question paper access, answer paper uploading and invigilation,” IIT Bhubaneswar Director Prof. Raja Kumar, said.

In this regard, Dr. PR Sahu, Dean (academics) said, “The examinations could be held without any compromise on the regulations despite the pandemic situation. The one change made is that the duration of the online end-semester exam is reduced to 2 hours from the usual 3 hours and accordingly the weightage to 40% in place of 50%, as recommended by our Senate.”