

## IIT, BBS video streams classes for students

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The Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar has adopted live online streaming of the theory classes for its students so as to save the semester in the wake of the suspension of classes due to coronavirus.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Prof RV Raja Kumar said, “We gave options to the students to stay in the campus or go to their respective homes, respecting their wish made as per their safety and risk assessment in this crisis time. In the campus, all actions have been taken for safety and isolation and classes are continuing. The classes are video streamed live to the students including all those who have gone to their respective homes and staying in our hostels. In view of the announcement by MHRD to facilitate the faculty to work from home and lockdown by the State Govt. Of Odisha, the faculty members are made to work from home and stream their video lectures to students wherever they are. The students can put their questions live through chat and same can be immediately answered by a teacher. This is done to ensure that the semester of the students is saved, in the unlikely case of a prolonged crisis. The live video lectures can be taken by a student on a desktop or laptop or even on a mobile phone.”

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