

## IIT-BBS finishes semester exams amid Covid

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Amid the second wave of the Covid pandemic IIT Bhubaneswar continued its academics in uncompromised standards and completed its spring-end semester examinations of 2020-21 on May 15 for all of its students except for the 1st year B-Tech which will take a month and a half more due to late admission and late starting of the semester across all the IITs. During the last academic year in March 2020 before the lockdown was announced, the institute had switched to online education as it had developed a very unique and innovative online method to hold comprehensive pen and paper exams, trained its faculty and applied the same very successfully to hold the end-semester examination in May 2020.

“Due to the 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 now,” said Director Prof Raja Kumar.

He further said the lab courses were organised for students with both physical presence with hands-on experience and online by live streaming or pre-recorded video of demonstration of experiments performed on the lab table by the faculty members. “Keeping good health and protection from the pandemic is more important than running the academics in standards.

IIT Bhubaneswar campus has been kept Covid-free except for five cases in September 2020, 7 in April 2021 and 5 in May 2021 through a very strict and spirited implementation of the Covid protocols, awareness campaigns; and participation of the whole fraternity was vital.” he added.

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