

## **IIT-Bhubaneswar to conduct exams by online mode**

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BHUBANESWAR: IIT Bhubaneswar Senate has decided to conduct the End Semester examinations for the outgoing students by online mode to facilitate their timely graduation.

Two alternative examinations have been scheduled for the students. One examination will be started from June 24 and another during the end of July or first week of August. Students can take any one of the examinations.

If a student does not have facilities to take the online examination at home or from a nearby facility during the first examination, he can appear the second examination.

“In case if the pandemic situation due to Covid-19 improves, a student may also have the option to come to the institution and take the second examination. We are confident that the students of IIT Bhubaneswar will take this challenge to graduate themselves with full honours and evaluation standards,” said the statement of the institute.

However, many students opposed to the idea of holding examinations during this pandemic situation. They said students cannot arrange accessories like smartphones, uninterrupted internet connections and windows laptop to appear the examination. As several of them have left their laptops in the campus and staying in rural areas, it will create problem for them to appear the test.

They said offline test is also not a good idea as Covid-19 cases are increasing and some students are staying in containment zones. Staying in quarantine after returning campus will create more mess in the campus. “So, the best possible way forward is to cancel final examinations, evaluate based on assignment and past examination marks and graduate the students as soon as possible for their job onboarding,” said a student.