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Odisha: Cleanliness test for campuses as they get ready for students

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BHUBANESWAR: The higher secondary schools, colleges and universities in the state are preparing to welcome students once they reopen in January. They have started sanitising their hostels, classrooms and other office premises before the students and staff start trickling in. This despite the state government not yet announcing the date of the reopening of the educational institutions.

Premier institutes like IIT Bhubaneswar are planning to quarantine their students before allowing them to attend classes. Its director, RV Rajakumar, said, "We had sanitised our campus after one person was suspected of having caught Covid. As of now, the campus has zero cases. We will allow 50% of the final-year students on the campus, according to the instruction of the Union ministry of education. If a student is interested in coming here, he/she will be quarantined on the campus.

After that, they will be allowed to attend physical classes. We will take a decision on starting offline classes very soon." He added that they will first conduct the practical classes. "It will be a completely new experience. They will wear masks and sit at a distance from each other while attending the classes. We are fully prepared to receive the students who are willing to come," he said.

The Utkal University has also started the process of cleaning and sanitising the campus before it reopens.