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## Placements delayed at IIT-BBS

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**Bhubaneswar:** Covid-19 situation has affected placements at IIT Bhubaneswar but no company has withdrawn offers despite fears of possible financial slowdown. Official sources said first phase of placement is already over but the Covid-19 situation has created obstacles in the second phase of placement that is underway.

"Not a single offer has been withdrawn by any company. Second phase of the placement is not happening because representatives of the companies are not able to come for the placement drive," said R V Rajakumar, director of IIT Bhubaneswar.

He said many companies will take part in the placement drive. They will come after the lockdown is lifted. "Around 85% of our B.Tech students got selected by different companies in the first phase. Similarly, companies have selected around 60% of the M.Tech students. The rest of the students will be selected in the second phase," said Rajakumar.

Placement season of National Institute of Technology (NIT), Rourkela, that starts in July and ends in May every year. But this time the last quarter of the placement drive has been affected by the lockdown.