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## ***IIT Bhubaneswar Sprung Full Action Despite Severe Cyclone “FANI”***

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Bhubaneswar: A dozen people sustained minor injuries and extensive damage was caused to civil, electrical and horticulture works at the IIT Bhubaneswar during severe cyclone `Fani' that hit the State on May 4.

The institute had made prior arrangements for all essential services in the campus. The examinations of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students were rescheduled to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Prof. R. V. Raja Kumar, Director of the Institute while speaking on the super-cyclone said that, “The damage caused by FANI to the Institute is more than what was expected.” Our team of meteorology research headed by Prof. U.C. Mohanty, School of Earth, Ocean and Climate Sciences also predicted the course of FANI using a hybrid of their own models and prevailing models used in practice and predicted the course of FANI. The prediction of our group coincided with those of IMD confirming consistency of the predictions, which are further proved to be consistent by public after observing the course of FANI.

We also scheduled admission for M.Tech courses by two schools on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 and a number of candidates from Northern and Western

India have arrived on 3rd and 4th May particularly to participate in the test. The Institute went ahead and conducted admissions to them.

Though the GRID supply is yet to be restored to the Institute, we have quickly carried out repairs and started supplying skeletal electricity to all the sections in the campus from today afternoon onwards. The security at IIT Bhubaneswar along with housekeeping and maintenance team did a good job to ascertain the safety, security, sanitation for all those inside the campus. Thus the Institute sprang into action and restored normalcy in the campus from today onwards.