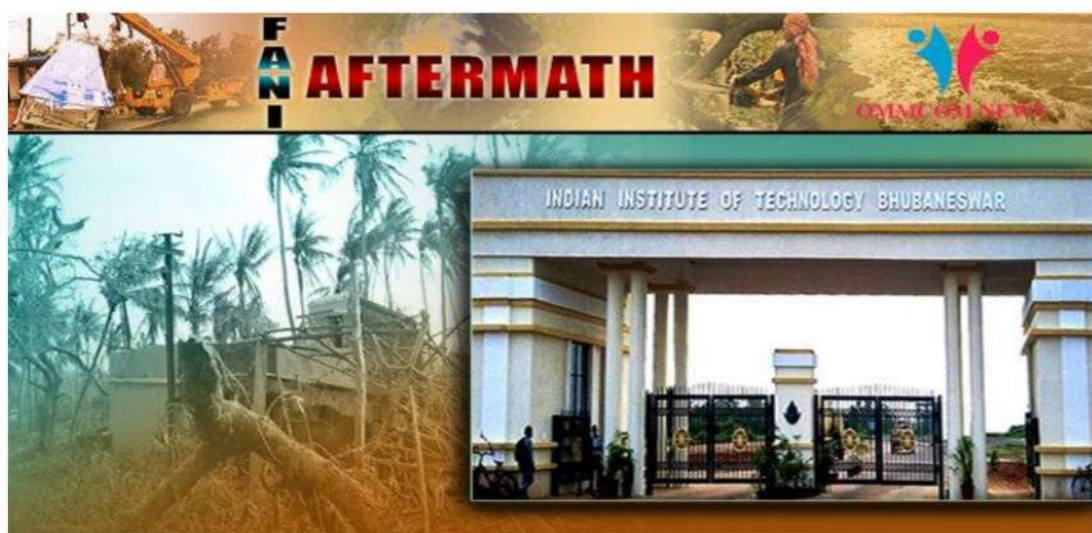# 07ᵗʰ May, 2019

IIT Bhubaneswar Swings Back To Action Immediately Despite Being Severely Damaged By 'FANI'

Bhubaneswar: Despite being severely damaged by the devastating Cyclone FANI, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar could swing back to action immediately as it had made prior arrangements for the essential services in the campus.

"Severe Cyclone FANI affected IIT Bhubaneswar from 9.30 am onwards till 2.30 pm causing severe damage to the civil, electrical and horticulture works. There were no casualties happened inside the campus due to precautionary steps, but minor injury was sustained by 12 persons," stated a press release issued for dissemination by the prestigious institute.

It added, "The institute made prior arrangements for all essential services in the campus. The examinations of 3rd and 4th year students were rescheduled to 6th and 7th of this month. However, in order to facilitate pre-final year students to take up their internship, the examination of 3rd May was shifted to Sunday afternoon as a special case."

IIT Bhubaneswar Director R.V. Raja Kumar said, "The damage caused by FANI to the institute is more than what was expected.The prediction of our team of meteorology research headed by Prof U.C. Mohanty, School of Earth, Ocean and Climate Sciences also coincided with that of IMD confirming consistency of the predictions."

"We also scheduled admission for M.Tech courses by two scholls on 4th and 5th 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 May 4 afternoon onwards, the press note stated.

It further stated, "The security at IIT Bhubaneswar along with housekeeping and maintenance team did a good job to ascertain the safety, security, sanitation for all in the campus. The medical unit at IIT Bhubaneswar was fully functional 24x7 to ensure medical aid and food was also provided on all days to ensure minimum hassle to any students. Thus, the institute sprang into action and restored normalcy in the campus immediately."