

## Successful completion of open house on JEE counselling at IIT Bhubaneswar On 18th June 2019

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Bhubaneswar: IIT Bhubaneswar successfully organized an Open House, JEE Counselling and Interaction meeting on 18 June 2019, for the benefit of IIT aspirants, in particular, those who qualified in JEE (Advanced) 2019 and for those who will be appearing in 2020. More than 150 students/parents actively participated in the counselling session. The session started with welcome note by the Chairman, JEE Cell, IIT Bhubaneswar.

Prof. R. V. Rajakumar, Director IIT Bhubaneswar welcomed the students and parents to IIT Bhubaneswar and congratulated the JEE (Adv.) qualified students for their commendable achievement. He gave an in-depth overview into the evolution of the IIT system in India including a brief talk on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd generation IITs, and IIT education in general. He also mentioned in detail about the philosophy of IIT's as they believe in not just creating an engineer by profession but a noteworthy personality. He emphasized that the UG education in IIT's is at par with any of the global class institutions in the world. He also briefly spoke about the rapid strides being made by IIT Bhubaneswar on several fronts, including education, infrastructure, research, and about the innovative steps such as foreign origin faculty engagement.

This was followed by an introduction to programs of study by Prof. P.R Sahu, Dean, Academic Affairs and presentation on general procedures to be followed for admission and counselling at IITs by Dr. C. Bhamidipati, Chairman JEE Cell, IIT Bhubaneswar. Also present at the event was Dr. V.R. Pedireddi, Dean, Student Affairs, IIT Bhubaneswar.

The inclusion of supernumerary seats for female students from 2018 as per the policy of the Central Government, aimed at bringing gender balance in the engineering education was highlighted. The girl students were also counselled by the JEE help desk team to fill as many choices as possible to maximize their chances of getting a seat in IITs. Various schemes of financial assistance including “Vidyalaxmi” scheme introduced last year by MHRD, Govt. of India including the “Kalinga Sikshya Saathi Yojana” by Govt. of Odisha for Odisha based students were presented by the SBI team at the event.

IIT Bhubaneswar would conduct Reporting Centre (RC) activity for JEE Advanced 2019 for qualified candidates in its campus at Argul from 28th June, 2019 to 19th July, 2019. Candidates allotted seats in any of the IITs can do their reporting, document verification and accept their seats at IIT Bhubaneswar during this course of time. More details can be found on the website: <http://josaa.nic.in>.

The Q & A session was highly interactive with an active participation of all the participants. There were several very pertinent questions put by the IIT aspirants and their parents regarding choice of branch, seat, suitable career choices, dual specialization, sub specialization, difference between regular and integrated dual degree programs, and suitability of female students to branches such as mining engineering along with several questions pertaining to choice and seat allotment in Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JOSAA). The participants expressed happiness on the initiative of IIT Bhubaneswar in educating the students as well the parents on various technicalities in IIT Education, JEE Admission Process and general queries on various academic programs. Post the completion of the session, the students and parents were given a hands on opportunity to visit the facilities at IIT Bhubaneswar.