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### **IITBBS mechanism to boost Public Sector companies recruitment**

BHUBANESWAR: Wave placement in private sectors has taken a toll on PSU recruitments for students graduating from IITs. Directors of the premier institute have decided to devise a proper mechanism to engage public sector companies (PSUs) to raise the percentage of recruitment, which has witnessed a significant drop in the last three years.

This decision was taken at the 154th meet of IIT Directors on the Arugul campus of IIT Bhubaneswar on Sunday.

The modalities of project Vishwajit, which aims at providing support to frontline IITs to figure and rank amongst the top institutions in the world, were chalked out. The project got IIT Council's clearance in August this year.

“While the old IITs have a very strong alumni network which boosts and facilitates placements, the newer ones need to strengthen old students' associations,” said IIT Bhubaneswar Director Prof RV Raja Kumar, who chaired the meet.

PhD scholars can soon have online and offline access to academic classes in an IIT other than the one he/she has enrolled. This will help scholars attend classes at an institution which specialises in one of the disciplines included in the course.

IIT branding will be intensified in foreign countries and the IIT Council would approach the Union Government to ease VISA regulations in order to attract overseas students, Prof Raja Kumar added.