

IITBBS moves to permanent campus

'High-Rank Candidates Opt For City Institute'

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Bhubaneswar: After a delay of three years, IIT Bhubaneswar (IITBBS) finally moves to its permanent campus at Argul village, on the outskirts of the city, on Monday. It missed the December 2013 deadline.

The shifting, however, is symbolic as the institute will continue to function from its existing scattered locations.

Stating that even the partial shifting will be of immense help, director R V Rajakumar on Sunday said around 300 boys have already shifted to the new campus in past few days.

"We hope to accommodate all students in hostels on the permanent campus at the earliest. It will help them begin a vibrant campus life," he told TOI. Institute's Board of Governors (BOG) chairman S K Roongta is scheduled to attend the inaugural event.

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"A campus gives the students a sense of belonging. From that point of view it was important to make it functional at the earliest. Security, primary healthcare facility and good transport have been ensured for them," Rajakumar said.

While the director will have a camp office on the permanent campus, his main office and classrooms will continue in the transit location at Toshali Plaza, Satyanagar, he said. The shift-

ing will only mean closing the institute hostels at Kesura and near IIT Kharagpur's extension centre.

"Instead of waiting for the entire work to get over and shifting at one go, we feel it will be wiser to use a facility as and when it is ready. Starting activities on the campus will also help better monitor the ongoing work," he said.

Rajakumar said the ongoing admission data for IITBBS shows that higher-rank candidates have opted for the city institute compared to previous years.

Two hostels, a guesthouse and 40-odd staff quarters are ready. After completion of the ongoing work, the institute will have facilities for 2,500 students, 250 faculty members and 275 support staff. The master plan of the campus has been designed to accommodate 10,000 students, 1,000 faculty, 1,100 non-teaching employees besides 1000 outsourced support staff.