

# Smriti to attend IIT convocation

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**Bhubaneswar:** Union human resource development minister **Smriti Irani** will attend the fourth convocation of IIT Bhubaneswar scheduled on September 12, institute director R V Rajakumar said here on Wednesday.

Rajakumar said the convocation would be held for the first-time this year on the institute's permanent campus located at Argul village on the outskirts of Bhubaneswar. The campus is only partially functional now — while classes are being held at six different locations, hostels, a guest house, a shopping complex, a play ground and staff quarters built on the 950-acre permanent campus have been made functional. The



authorities plan to shift to the new campus entirely within the next six months to one

year.

This year, 215 students will receive degrees. They include 109 BTech, 44 MTech, 12 PhD and 50 MSc students, the director said. IIT-BBS had earlier approached former president APJ Abdul Kalam for delivering the convocation address.

IIT-BBS started functioning from the IIT Kharagpur campus in Bengal in the 2008-2009 academic year and shifted to Bhubaneswar in 2009.

The institute currently has over 900 students and over 100 faculty members.