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Activity centre launched on IITBBS convocation

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Bhubaneswar: The IIT Bhubaneswar held its 9th convocation on Friday amid the pandemic. Union education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank graced the occasion as chief guest via video-conference and addressed the students.

He inaugurated the student activity centre (SAC), the play courts, and the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management (SHSSM) of IIT Bhubaneswar. It boasts of a 42-acre sports complex in sync with the 'Fit India' programme.

The SAC is a 5,100 square metres indoor facility with three badminton courts, an indoor basketball-cum-yoga-cum-meditation centre, gymnasium for boys and girls, a multi-purpose hall, a squash court and halls for different socio-cultural and technical councils.

The play courts are built on a sprawling area of 7.5 acres with live and green fencing instead of the usual concrete or metal fencing. It has



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five basketball, volleyball and tennis courts each.

The two-storied building of the SHSSM is built on a total area of 1,582 square metres. It was a live convocation done in mixed mode in view of the pandemic, making it markedly different from others. It was participatory where the graduating students participated and received their degrees and medals live, either online or by being physically present at the event. The institute developed the mechanism in-house and adopted it successfully.

The President of India Gold Medal was awarded to Aditya Pal of the computer science and engineering stream for the best academic performance among the entire outgoing B'Tech batch.