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Move Aims To Help Poor Students

IITBBS to hike UG seats by 70



EXPANDING ITS HORIZON

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Bhubaneswar: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar, is set to increase its undergraduate seats from 420 to 490 from the coming academic session. Officials said the institute took this step to help students from the economically weaker section (EWS) and women.

IIT Bhubaneswar director RV Rajakumar said, "We had 420 seats while admitting students last year. But this will be increased to 490 after adding 18 seats under the EWS quota and 52 seats under the women quota. We have already implemented the EWS quota."

The new rule will apply to students belonging to seven schools of the institute. These include the school of basic sciences, school of electrical sciences, school of mechanical sciences, school of infrastructure, school of humanities, social sciences and management, school of earth, ocean and climate sciences and school of minerals, metallurgical and materials engineering.

"We will increase the seats of undergraduate courses. We have not taken any decision on increasing the seats of postgraduate (PG) courses," Rajakumar said.

The institute has also started recruiting teachers. "The selection of 11 teachers has been completed so far. Once they join, the total number of teachers will be 151. Besides, we have started the recruitment process to appoint more teachers. The first phase of recruitment has been completed and the second phase will start very soon. I hope we get 20 more teachers this time," Rajakumar said.

He added that the institute has always focused on good teachers for maintaining the quality of education. Last year, he had taken a decision to recruit more foreign faculty to bring international flavor in the teaching and learning module of the institute. In its first attempt, it had succeeded in getting six foreign faculty for different subjects.