

IIT Bhubaneswar gets two new hostels in its Phase-II expansion works

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Second phase expansion of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar, has gathered pace as the institute on Monday inaugurated two new hostels for both boys and girls by Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Hon'ble Governor, Odisha in the presence of Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar.

Second phase expansion of the Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar, has gathered pace as the institute on Monday inaugurated for both boys and girls. These were part of the projects second phase work. The boys hostel Brahmaputra Hall of Residence has 800 seats, while Ganga Hall of Residence for girls has 400 seats. Governor Ganeshi Lal has inaugurated the hostels in the presence of teachers, staff and students of the national institute.

The IIT had constructed 800-seated boys' hostel and a 200-seated girls hostel during the phase-1 expansion. It was using hostel of nearby Institute to accommodate its students, but now these two

new hostels will solve the hostel room issues. Number of hostel seats touch 2200 from mere 100 seats. One more hostel will come up in future said the authorities.

IIT Bhubaneswar Director Ratnam V Raja Kumar said the Institute has received Rs. 1270 crore including Rs. 850 crore in the second phase for development of infrastructure in two phases. "Under phase-I expansion, the institute has constructed four school buildings. In the phase-II, we have come up with building of three school- School of Earth, Ocean and Climate Sciences (SEOCS), School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management, School of Minerals, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering (SMME)," he added.

Besides the Institute is building a gigantic lecture hall complex for 6500 students, one more boys hostel, a multipurpose hostel, faculty quarter block (198 seated), a staff block (44 seated), central research facility, a student activity centre, play fields, auditorium, amphitheater, two commercial complexes, dispensary, director's bungalow, sewage treatment plant and sewage network and external development including beautification work.

The campus spread over 936 acres of land at Argul near the capital city has seven academic schools. The IIT started functioning in 2008 from a temporary campus in the city. Later it was shifted to its permanent campus at the foot of historical Barunei Hills in Khurda District. The permanent campus was dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 24th Dec, 2018 last year.