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IIT-Bhubanewar to get new sports facilities

Bhubaneswar: A state-of-the-art students activity centre (SAC) and play courts will be inaugurated at IIT-Bhubaneswar campus by Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank virtually on the occasion of the institute's ninth convocation on December 4. The SAC and play courts are a major part of the 42 acre sports complex the institute is creating under phase-II infrastructure with support of the Ministry of Education. The modern SAC building will be a 5,100 sq mtr indoor facility comprising badminton courts, basketball court, meditation centre, gymnasium, squash court and halls for socio-cultural gathering and technical counselling. Similarly, the play courts spread over 7.5 acre land will have synthetic courts for basketball, volleyball and tennis. Apart from these sports facilities, the Union Minister will inaugurate the new building of the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management. In wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, the institute this year has decided to organise the convocation in hybrid mode where students can take part online or in physical mode, said IIT Bhubaneswar director Prof RV Raja Kumar. The institute will confer degrees to 446 students including 35 Ph D, 141 MTech, 70 MSc and 200 BTech this year.