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IIT's focus on foreign teachers

As part of its internationalization initiative, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar will recruit more faculty members of foreign origin. At present, professor Johannes Eugene Marie Houben from Germany is taking classes at IIT. The institute has planned to hire at least 20 professors, including the foreign professors, under the Centre government's scheme of Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration. After visiting universities like Oxford, Cambridge, Stanford, University of Southern California and Massachusetts, the IIT director will travel to Singapore to invite faculty members and research scholars to the campus, next month. Initially, the foreign faculty members will be engaged for six months. Meanwhile, the director welcomed the Centre government's initiative to fund 1,000 scholars from south east Asian countries to pursue PhD at the IITs. It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Human Resource Development and External Affairs. IIT Bhubaneswar director, professor RV Rajakumar, who attended the launch in New Delhi on Monday, said the institute would work towards making the initiative successful. At present, IIT Bhubaneswar has 2,150 students and 150 teachers. BNS
