

IITBBS to add two hostels by year-end

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Bhubaneswar: The ministry of human resources development has provided Rs 850 crore for the development of infrastructure at IIT Bhubaneswar. The institute has started construction of four hostels to accommodate all its 1,755 students.

At present, 1,000 students are staying in its hostels while the rest are staying in National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) hostels. "We have planned an 800-seat boys' hostel and a 400-seat hostel for girls at an estimated cost of Rs 100 crore," said IIT director R V Rajakumar.

The construction work that started one-and-a-half years ago will be completed by the year-end.

"The IIT has plans to build a 800-seat hostel for boys and 300-seat multi-purpose hostel. Girls, boys, married students and other persons will be lodged in it. Construction of both hostels will be completed next year," said Rajakumar.

The institute has seven schools and three of them do not have their own buildings. Construction work of three school buildings is underway and Rs 30 crore will be spent on it. The three schools are School of Minerals, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, School

OTHER PROJECTS



▶ Residential quarters for 200 faculty and 88 staff members

▶ One 1500-seat auditorium to be built at an estimated cost of Rs 38 crore

▶ A lecture hall complex for 9000 students to come up at a cost of Rs 170 crore

of Earth, Ocean and Climate Sciences and School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management.

Playgrounds, track and fields and other infrastructure for sports will also be built. Dispensary, open-air auditorium, central research facility, central workshop and parking lot will be built during the phase-II of the expansion, said the director.

"It is a second generation IIT. It has emerged as the second largest IIT in terms of student intake among new ones after IIT, Hyderabad. After this expansion programme, our institute will become one of the most vibrant IITs in the country," he added.

On Saturday, IIT Bhubaneswar will organise its seventh convocation.