IITBBS increases 80 seats for BTech students

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Bhubaneswar: IIT Bhubaneswar (IITBBS) will increase its BTech intake by 80 seats from the coming academic year starting July, director R V Rajakumar said here on Friday. This will increase the total number of UG engineering seats in the institute to 260. Rajakumar said IITBBS will offer a new BTech programme in electronics and communication engineering, which will have 40 seats, while talking to reporters on the sidelines of the institute's eighth foundation day.

Similarly, the institute will start offering dual degree (B.Tech+M.Tech) programmes in civil and mechanical engineering to 20 students each from 2016-17.

The 20 students enrolled for dual degree in civil will be split into two specialities after B.Tech. While 10 of them will be trained in structural engineering in M.Tech, the rest 10 will be taught transportation engineering at the

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masters' degree level, the IITBBS director said. The 20 students, who would take admission in mechanical dual degree will be split into machine design and thermal engineering, 10 students each, in M.Tech, he added.

Rajakumar said the proposed expansion would increase the seats by more than 40%. The institute has been currently offering B.Tech in civil, mechanical, electrical and computer science with each having 40 seats, and B.Tech (metallurgy) with 20

seats. The total student strength in the institute, including PhD and MSc, is around 1,000.

With completion of upcoming new infrastructure, the IIT would continue increasing its seats for the next few years, he added. The institute has recorded 60% jump in the number of job offers to its B.Tech passouts in the current academic year compared to last year, the IIT director said. The rise has been noticed in the core areas, he said.