



Odisha Governor inaugurates two new hostels at IIT Bhubaneswar as part of its Phase II expansion

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The Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar conducted the inaugural function of its two new hostels on Monday. Both the Boys and Girls residence halls were inaugurated by Odisha Governor Ganeshi Lal in the presence of IIT Bhubaneswar Director Prof. R.V Raja Kumar. The new hostels are a part of the Phase 2 expansion of the institute.

The boys' residence hall/hostel has been named 'Brahmaputra' with 800 seats while the girls' hostel named 'Ganga' has 400 seats. During the phase 1 expansion, the institute constructed an 800 seat hostel for boys and a 200 seat hostel for girls. The institute earlier used the hostel facilities of nearby institute to accommodate its students. With the inauguration of the new hostel, the problem of housing will finally be solved for the institute. From the mere 100 seats, the institute now has 2200 hostel seats. Institute authorities have added that one more hostel will be made soon.

The director of IIT Bhubaneswar Prof. Ratnam V Rajakumar said that the institute received Rs. 1270 Crore which included Rs. 850 Crore in the second phase as part of the development of infrastructure which was conducted in two phases. He also added that under the Phase 1 of expansion, the institute constructed four school buildings while in the second phase of the

expansion, the institute came up with three school buildings which included School of Earth, Ocean and Climate Sciences, (SEOCS), School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management and School of Minerals, Metallurgical and Material Engineering (SMME).

Apart from this the institute is building a huge lecture hall complex with a capacity of 6500 students along with one mode boys' hostel, a multi-purpose hostel, central research facility, central workshop, faculty quarters block, staff block, directors bungalow, student activity centre, playfields, auditorium, amphitheatre, two commercial complexes, dispensary, sewage treatment plant, sewage network, and external development which includes beautification work.

The campus of Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar is spread across 936 acres of land at Argul near the capital city with seven academic schools. The institute started functioning in 2008 from a temporary campus before it was shifted to its present campus at the foot of the historical Barunei Hill in Khurda district.