



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Subject: Opening of the Mahanadi Hall of Residence by Mr S K Roongta, Chairman  
on 20th July 2015**

The Institute's permanent campus finally comes alive at Argul, on 18th July 2015 in the seventh year of its establishment. First among the new IITs established in 2008; the Institute has been functioning from various temporary campuses within Bhubaneswar. The construction activity was started in 2009 by CPWD in the 936 acres of land provided by Government of Odisha.

The Mahanadi hall of residence is an 800 seated boys hostel; the building got completed and it is ready for inauguration. With its inclusion, currently, the Institute shall have a few buildings which includes, 200 seated Subarnarekha Hall of Residence for Girls, a 40 seated Staff Quarters, Guest House, mini Shopping Complex and a Community Centre.

The tireless efforts of Institute's staff and faculty led by its Director Prof. R V Raja Kumar have taken shape in taking the unfinished infrastructure to finished stage and providing the basic amenities including round-the-clock security, water supply, dispensary with doctors on duty for all the 24 hours, cafeteria, canteens besides play fields, ATM and communication network. The Institute has appointed a Professor as In-Charge of the campus and shifted its security office, engineering and maintenance cell to operate the campus.

Institute has ensured a carefully drawn transport arrangement for the students to attend classes in its city campuses at Samantapuri and Toshali Bhavan in Satya Nagar. The current enrolment of the students is around 935 and the Institute is confident to overcome the initial hurdles and challenges in the coming days while the residential campus gets into its complete shape.

The Government of Odisha has provided constant and timely support to the Institute, pertaining to establishment of Police outpost, sorting out land disputes, providing electricity and water supply, campus over-pass and campus wide plantation activity etc. The Institute is advancing the plans to make the campus zero energy drawing, zero-discharge and green.

Shri S. K. Roongta, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Institute shall inaugurate the Mahanadi hall to facilitate the Institute's functioning from its permanent campus and address the students, faculty and staff on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015.