

IIT-I boosts research, infra with new projects

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INDORE

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore marked a milestone in its journey towards academic and research excellence with the laying of foundation stones for key infrastructure projects and the inauguration of advanced research facilities on campus.

K Sivan, Chairperson of the Board of Governors, presided over the event and laid the foundation for a solar park and a new Kendriya Vidyalaya building. He also inaugurated the CGS Advanced Research Complex and the AR/VR Lab, reinforcing the institute's focus on innovation and sustainability.

The CGS Advanced Research Complex, dedicated to scientists Bibha Chowdhuri, Rohini Godbole and Kamala Sohoni, was completed at a cost of Rs11.8 crore. The facility includes 10 laboratories, 24 faculty cabins and 96 student workspaces.

As part of its sustainability push, IIT Indore initiated the establishment of a 1MW solar power plant under the RESCO



model with Solar Energy Corporation of India, which is expected to generate significant savings on electricity.

The foundation was also laid for a new Kendriya Vidyalaya building, estimated at Rs26.54 crore, featuring 24 classrooms and modern infrastructure.

Additionally, IITI Drishti inaugurated the SwasthyaXR AR/VR Innovation Lab, developed at a cost of Rs30 lakh and equipped with advanced immersive technologies. A highlight of the event was the successful technology transfer of an AR/VR-based application designed to address acrophobia.

The event was attended by the institute's director, faculty members, researchers and experts from AIIMS Bhopal, reflecting strong institutional collaboration.