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IIT-I launches BTech in Environmental Economics & Sustainable Engineering

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Indore: Indian Institute of Technology, Indore (IIT Indore), will begin admissions for BTech in Environmental Economics and Sustainable Engineering (EESE) from July 2026 — the first undergraduate programme of its kind across any IIT in the country.

Offered under the institute's Mehta Family School of Sustainability, the programme will admit 30 students annually through JEE Advanced. The curriculum spans three areas: Environmental Economics and Policy, Energy Systems and Battery Technology, and Water and Climate Systems, an official release said.

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The course structure combines engineering fundamentals with applied training in systems modelling, environmental monitoring, and data-driven decision-making. Students will undertake internships across renewable energy, manufacturing, and infrastructure industries, it said.

IIT Indore director Suhas Joshi described the programme as a response to an urgent skills gap.

"By bringing together climate science and environmental economics in a single, rigorous curriculum, we are creating something genuinely unique in Indian higher education — graduates who can bridge the gap between scientific understanding and policy action," he said.

The school will also house three research centres focused on energy systems, environmental law, and water sustainability.