

# Land transfer issue dogs IIT, Indore

## Institute can't shift to own campus as it currently faces shortage of space

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**INDORE:** After completing more than a year at the IET campus of the Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV), the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) held a meeting at their campus premises on Friday. Prof. Pradeep Mathur, director, IIT talked to the media about the recent developments and the land issues that the institute is facing in the recent past.

According to Prof. Mathur, the academic programmes of the institute have been growing at a fast pace in the last one year. Research activities have begun as sponsored research projects are being awarded to IIT, Indore. Also, new faculty members have joined and some others would also be joining, thus doubling the faculty members' strength.

Sophisticated instrumentation facilities are also being developed.

However, the land issue is still

unresolved and the matter has come to a standstill. The institute cannot even start boundary wall construction since all of the land has not been transferred to IIT. "The tendering process for the boundary wall construction is over from the institute side and if the Institute is given space in a month's time, we may still target to shift by 2011 end," said the director.

"As the result of the delay in granting space, we cannot estimate when IIT, Indore will shift

to its own campus. The institute authorities have been in constant touch with the state administration but so far it has been of no avail," Prof. Mathur added.

The director accepted that the institute is currently facing shortage of space. "The request to IET Director and the V-C, DAVV to allow IIT, Indore to use some of its unutilized space which is about 20,000 sq. feet has not yielded any positive results," Prof. Mathur said.