

IIT-I SENDING FRESH LAND USE PLAN

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INDORE: The authorities of IIT-Indore are making efforts to send a fresh land use plan to the Union Environment Ministry for the 190-acre forestland that was transferred to it for its campus.

On Monday, IIT-I project engineer Atul Pandey met forest CCF P C Dubey and DFO Saeed Khan to discuss the land use plan. The plan is expected to be ready and sent to the Union Environment Ministry within a fortnight, forest officials said.

Forest officials said the land use plan seeks to ensure that minimum number of trees are cut and there are also plans to plant new saplings on the campus. The plan also envisages water harvesting on the campus that will ensure better growth of the planted saplings. Going by preliminary estimates, there are around 7500 trees on the 190-acre land.

Meanwhile, a bunch of photographs and CD of the proposed site of the IIT-I has been sent to the office of the CCF in Vallabh Bhavan.

It is necessary to get the clearance of environment ministry for use of forestland is necessary but when the initial plan was sent to the ministry, it had rejected the proposal on the grounds that the land use plan had not been sent with the ministry's clearance.