

## CABINET NOD TO LAND AGAINST LAND PLAN FOR INDORE IIT

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**INDORE:** The state cabinet on Tuesday approved the proposal for allotting land against land to displaced farmers whose 40-acre land is being acquired for setting up a 502-acre campus for Indian Institute of Technology, Indore (IIT-I) at Simrol.

The government land available in the areas will be given to farmers in lieu of their land being acquired at Simrol. There were two pockets of roughly the same size having human population on the 502-acre land demarcated for setting up IIT-I. Settlement was made by paying for land to dwellers of one pocket, while the others demanding land will now have their demand fulfilled.

The committee also approved of the proposal re-sent to Union Environment Ministry for obtaining approval on a patch of contentious 80-hectare forest land coming on this proposed 502-acre site. With the State government promising the Central Government to develop an 80-hectare forest somewhere else in the district clearance is expected from the Forest Advisory Committee of the Union forests and environment ministry.

### IIT-INDORE AT A GLANCE

■ IIT-I proposed to come up on a total of 502-acre land selected in Simrol village.

■ The project includes 198-acre forestland of which 80-hectare was not approved by the Union forests and environment ministry for land use change.

■ Earlier 7,600 green trees were to be felled for accommodating structures on the campus.

■ As per re-drafted plan only 1100 trees will be felled, while the Institute would plant 20000 saplings on campus.