

Space-hit IIT-I seeks on rent 25,000 sq ft in IET

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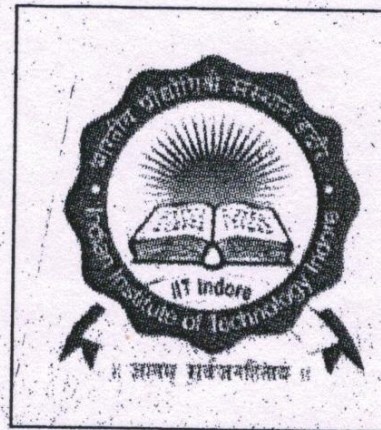
Indore: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore, currently functioning from the Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) building has sought 25,000 square feet area in IET's new building on rent to address the problems being faced due to space shortage.

In a letter to the DAVV, the IIT Indore pointed out that the premier institute was unable to put in place facilities for students for research work and start post-graduate courses. Besides, the IIT-I said intake of PhD students too is being hampered. The IIT has also

promised to pay four years' rent in advance for 25,000 square feet area of IET's new building.

Earlier, in a letter to DAVV, the IET had asked to return the space allotted to the IIT-I saying that the AICTE would de-recognize the IET for not having adequate place for running courses.

Set up in 2008, the IIT-Indore is operating from the IET building on temporary basis. As per MoU between the DAVV and Ministry of Human Resources Department (MHRD) in 2008, the university would allow the IIT Indore to run from the IET till June 2012. Back



then, it was believed that the IIT campus would come up on the proposed site in Simrol by the end of 2011. It was assumed that the IIT would vacate the IET by June 2012 and shift to its own campus.

However, things did not work out as per the plan and

construction of the IIT Indore building is still in a limbo due to controversies over handing over of land by the forest department. In 2010, when the IIT-Indore went to construct the boundary wall on its site in Simrol, forest officers prevented them from doing so as 198 acre of 500 acre land proposed for the institute belonged to the department. Now, the forest department has agreed to hand over the land on the condition of compensation. It is a condition, the IIT-I is not willing to accept, saying that the state government has promised them to provide land for setting up the institution.