

IIT Indore wants to set up library at Silver Springs

AUTHORITIES DIFFER Say the move would cause inconvenience to neighbours

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INDORE: While students of Indian Institute of Technology, Indore have all the recreational facilities at their residential set up at Silver Springs township, there is only one thing that these techies miss here - a good library.

The residents and the authorities at the Silver Springs aren't keen on letting the college set up a library in the residential area of the township. "We cannot permit them to set up a library in the residential area as the library would be frequented by many students and residents of the area which would cause inconvenience to the immediate neighbours," said an official of Silver Springs who did not wish to be named.

Silver Spring authorities have suggested that the second floor of the club area, which is the common area, should be used for the same. However, the college is not too keen on setting up a library at a place which would have frequent visitors.

When HT spoke to deputy librarian of IIT-I, Anjali



Silver Springs, where nearly 600 students of IIT-I reside. ARUN MONDHE/HT

OPERATING FROM IET, PACL CAMPUS FOR LAST 3 YEARS

IIT Indore was one of the seven new IITs that were set up during the 11th Five Year Plan period (2007-12) and for the last three years, since its inception in 2009, it has been operating from IET campus of Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya and one building at PACL campus - both at a distance of nearly 20 kilometers. The hostel facility has been provided by the college at Silver Springs Township on the bypass road where the students are staying in shared accommodation flats and houses.

Bandiwadekar, she said, "The second floor isn't an ideal place to have a library. We would also prefer an area which is quiet and peaceful."

At present, the students have access to the central library on the DAVV campus at Khandwa

road. Another library has been set up at Pithampur Auto Cluster Limited (PACL) campus near Mhow where the academic classes are held.

"We realised that as the students are residing in the area that has been provided by the

college, they should also have access to the library there," said Bandiwadekar.

While talking to HT, the official of Silver Springs said that the college can wait for some time till the dedicated common facility is developed in the second phase which can then be used for library.

According to a source, the high rent quoted running into lakhs of rupees has been another hurdle for the college to provide a reading area to the students. "When we were looking for a residential facility, Silver Springs was the only township that had come forward to our rescue. They have provided our students with gym and sports complex and designate mess. As the library is not a commercial set up, we hope that having a library on the premises should not be a problem," said IIT-I director Pradeep Mathur, while talking to HT. Silver Springs owner Abhishek Jhaveri said, "I am not aware of any such issue and we think that a library would be an additional facility in our township. So, we would always welcome it."