

Come July, Indore's IIT gets permanent address in Simrol

LONG WAIT Since inception, students shuttle between three makeshift campuses in Khandwa, Mhow and Simrol

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INDORE: Come July, the IIT-Indore will get a permanent campus in Simrol, saving the students and faculty the trouble of shuttling between three makeshift campuses operating out of IET-Khandwa building, PACLMhow campus and Simrol since its inception in 2009.

IIT Indore started functioning along with IITs at Hyderabad, Gandhinagar, Patna, Bhubaneswar, Jodhpur and Ropar. While IITs Jodhpur and Ropar are yet to move into their new campuses, the rest of the institutes have shifted to their permanent campuses.

Students complained of a poor campus life as there was little interaction among students from different branches. With a single campus, students now hope to get a better campus life. Fully functional cafeterias on campus, libraries and other facilities will ensure that the student's day on campus is well taken care of.

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■ The Indian Institute of Technology campus in Indore. HT FILE

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"It is very difficult to say when this (hostel) shift will happen as it all depends on construction workers. But we will wrap it up within a couple of months."

Earlier, IIT-Indore announced that it would increase batch sizes of three of its existing under-

graduate programmes to 60. It also plans to roll out BTech in civil engineering and material and metallurgical engineering with 40 students in each stream from the coming academic year 2016-17.

The institute offers electrical engineering, computer science engineering and mechanical engineering to batches of 40 students each.