

# IIT-Indore asks students for donations

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**INDORE:** The IIT-Indore management has asked its students and their dear ones to mobilise donations for the speedy completion of the buildings as it has apparently run out of funds from the government.

Established in 2009, the institute began functioning in the year from a temporary building

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and was supposed to move to a new one from 2012. The move happened although the construc-

tion work was incomplete, and remains so even now.

Classes happen in the under-construction buildings which have leaks and safety issues. Crucial equipment, necessary for research, like the super computer and the radio telescope inaugurated by former minister Shashi Tharoor, lie locked and packed for fear of getting damaged.

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In view of the poor condition of the famed institute, deputy registrar Pradeep Agrawal has written a mail to the students, their families and friends to pool in donations to speed up the work.

"In a move to mobilise resources for fastening the process of development of infrastructure and other purposes at IIT-Indore, donations are welcomed... donations made to IIT Indore are 100% exempted from income tax," the mail said.

"We have been asked to behave like a messenger and get donations for the institute. When we questioned the deputy registrar about it, he said that all the funds which were issued to us have been exhausted and the building is yet to be completed," a student said on condition of anonymity.

"From super computers to state-of-the-art equipments, all have been packed and kept inside as there is so much dust and leakage as they fear that the instruments will get damaged. Also these machines require proper air conditioning and an enclosed spot which the institute is not able to provide," said another student.

Yesterday, IIT-Indore had banned all social media on its campus in a bid to stop PhD scholars from taking their protest against the recent fee hike online. All the systems linked to the institute's server have been blocked for all social media platforms.

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