

# Fee hike not for current students: IIT Indore

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Days after protests by PhD and MTech students, Indian Institute of Technology, Indore on Monday claimed that the proposed fee hike is not for current students.

"No fee hike has been implemented for the current students. A fee hike is being deliberated for incoming students and a decision will be taken after due discussions among various academic committees, the academic senate and regulatory bodies of the institute," said a press release issued by IIT Indore.

IIT Indore media in-charge Nir-mala Menon said "While it is true that the research scholars of IIT Indore had grievances about a fee hike the amount and percentages are grossly misrepresented. However, our students have the right to protest against what in their perception was an unfair increase and the institute has now resolved the issue. We may however point out that since its inception in 2008, this is for the first time fee hike be-

ing considered at the institute and with very compelling reasons."

The institute also rubbished news reports regarding banning of social media on campus over online protests against fee hike:

"Ban on social media on campus (Facebook mainly) has been in effect since 2011 and has nothing to do with recent protests. This was done for academic reasons, not political ones as too many students were spending too much time

on these social media websites.

The institute decided, as a policy matter, that during the institute hours students should be focused on

their research and academic work," Menon said.

On convocation issue, she said that convocation dates and details would be finalised soon.

"IIT Indore students have been given their provisional degrees more than a month ago so the date of the convocation ceremony will not affect their plans for jobs, further studies or any other," she added.

