

Four years after its inauguration, IIM-Bodh Gaya gets its own bldg

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Patna: After operating out of the distance education department building of the Magadh University (MU) for nearly four years, the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bodh Gaya, finally moved to its own campus on Monday. A 'havan' was performed at the newly constructed 'Vihar' administrative building, located on the NH-83 near the MU campus, in the presence of institute's director Vinita Sahay and other faculty members.

The new integrated building has five classrooms, a computer lab and auditorium, central library and separate academic, administrative and faculty blocks. The five classrooms have been named after the five basic elements of the universe — Vayu (60 seats), Jal (60 seats), Agni (40 seats), Vyom (70 seats) and Bhumi (150 seats). The computer lab has a seating capacity of 100 while the auditorium can accommodate around 200 people. The new building has Wi-Fi facility and it is centrally airconditioned. There are two G+2 hostel buildings — Aryabhata and Bhaskara — and each has the capacity to accommodate 200 students in both single and double occupancy rooms.

NEW KID ON IIM BLOCK

➤ A portion of the campus is completed and IIM Bodhgaya has started functioning from there

➤ Separate administrative and academic blocks and two faculty blocks

➤ 5 classrooms named after five elements — Vayu (60 seater), Jal (60 seater), Agni (40 seater), Vyom (70 seater) and Bhumi (150 seater)

➤ Computer lab with seating capacity of 100

➤ Central library

Auditorium with seating capacity of 200

119 ACRES: Total area of the proposed campus, which includes the new block

73 ACRES: Area of the rest of the campus yet to be developed

ARCHITECTURE

Green campus with environment-friendly design drawing on Buddhist philosophy

LANDSCAPE:

A steel 'Super Tree' inspired by the Mahabodhi tree will be installed at the entrance with Buddhist-style 'torana'

DEADLINE

2020

PROJECT COST

₹350 crore

Addressing the students, Sahay instructed them on how to use the forthcoming course period of two years for their own advantage and assured them of all help from the institute, which had started in July, 2015. The Institute has seen three batches pass out so far with the current

batch having 120 students.

Meanwhile, a detailed project report (DPR) has been prepared for a green campus of IIM Bodh Gaya. The new infrastructure has been designed by Delhi-based CP Kukreja Architects. The new campus, spread over 119 acres of land, will be ready by 2020-

end.

The concept for the campus is inspired by the Buddhist ideologies evolving into a design which promotes a search for progression in the field of management studies. A steel structure of Bodhi tree will be visible from every point on the campus.

The green campus will have facilities like waste management system, rainwater harvesting, solar-powered battery-operated eco-friendly vehicles, waste to energy and composting system, series of lakes and water channels and a green house. More than 3,000 saplings will be planted on the campus.

The other important features of the campus will be Buddhist 'torans' (ornamental gateways). The campus will have 40-odd buildings. The estimated cost of the project is Rs350 crore.

Dikshu C Kukreja, the managing principal of the firm told that it will be the first IIM in India to have a sports stadium with a seating capacity for 10,000 people. "There will be administrative building, academic blocks, mindful centre (meditation building), faculty and student's club and lounge, housing for both faculty and students, auditorium and library," he said.