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Govt allocates Rs 12 cr to build hostel for IIT-G'nagar

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AHMEDABAD : The state government has allocated Rs 12 crore to build a hostel for student of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Gandhinagar after its director wrote to the IIT-Bombay saying that the intake would not be increased next year as there was no provision for an on campus hostel.

Education department officials told TOI that funds will be allocated for construction of a new hostel facility inside the makeshift campus of IIT in Vishwakarma Engineering College, Chandkheda.

"We have granted funds for the construction of a hostel for IIT students. The building which will have 80-90 rooms should be commissioned by the next academic year," director of technical education Manish Bharadwaj said.

It needs mention that after IIT was started in the state last year, the state government is yet to allocate land for the construction of a permanent campus for the premiere institution.

Meanwhile, rules stipulate that since IIT is a residential course and students are expected to stay on campus, IITs cannot increase the uptake if they fail to construct a hostel facility on campus.

While the state government had not done much to address this issue in the past year, it was prompted to take action when it was made clear that IIT-Gandhinagar would not be allowed to increase the uptake if students continued to stay in a hostel complex granted by a corporate and did not build its own hostel facility.

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