

## **Kolkata IIM to mentor Gaya B-school**

PATNA, June 18 -- Finally, there is good news for the proposed Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Gaya. The institute will make its debut from the academic session beginning August this year, but under a new mentor. Now, IIM, Calcutta will mentor Bihar's first IIM after it shed its reluctance to agree to a proposal floated recently. IIM Indore, which was first proposed as the mentor institution for IIM, Gaya is now no more in the running. On Monday, IIM, Kolkata director Saibal Chattopadhyay along with chairman (admissions) Piyush Mehta and engineer Manish Parikh visited Gaya to inspect the building of the distance education department made over to house the temporary academic wing of the IIM and also the guest house. They also visited the land earmarked by the university for the construction of a permanent campus. Shivesh Ranjan of the higher education department said the team was happy with the arrangements and felt it could go ahead with the academic session from August. Officials of the Gaya district administration and Ranjan also accompanied the team. Officials said the intake for the first batch would be through Common Admission Test (CAT) scores, as is the case with other IIMs, and would be limited to 60 seats. Gradually, the intake will go up. The Centre had decided to start academic session at all the new IIMs together in 2015. According to sources, the involvement of IIM, Calcutta augurs well for the new IIM. "IIM, Calcutta, set up in 1961, has huge experience and it could do the hand holding that a new institution requires," said an official, adding, "It was at the insistence of the ministry of human resource development (MHRD) that IIM, Kolkata agreed to take over mentorship of the fledgling chapter at Gaya, a few weeks ago". In January this year, a team comprising officials of the MHRD and IIM, Indore director Rishikesh T Krishnan had also visited Bodh Gaya to work out the modalities for setting up of the IIM in Gaya. The government had identified 119 acres of Magadh University land for the B-school. Later, it got approval of the MU senate and syndicate too and the map of the land was also sent to the MHRD for final approval and fund clearance. Published by HT Syndication with permission from Hindustan Times. For any query with respect to this article or any other content requirement, please contact Editor at [htsyndication@hindustantimes.com](mailto:htsyndication@hindustantimes.com)