

IIM-C to get 10-storey green hostel in 2 years

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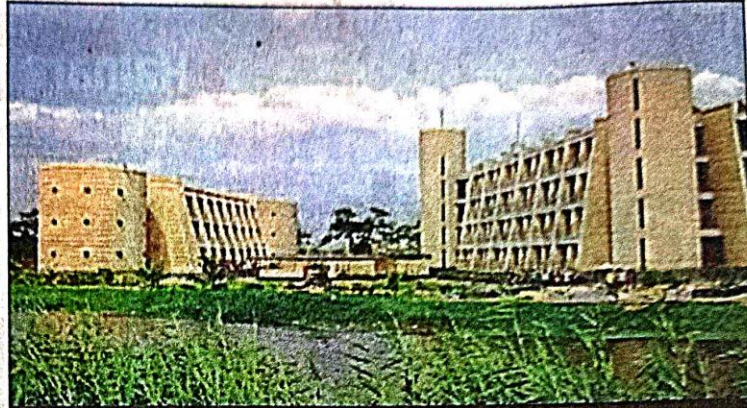
Kolkata: IIM-Calcutta will set up a 3.5 lakh sq ft modern hostel complex with a capacity of nearly 1,000 students to replace the old facilities on its campus in Joka. To be constructed over two years, the five-star rated green building, designed by celebrated architect Hafeez Contractor, will cost Rs 246 crore.

IIM-Calcutta officials said the proposed hostel, service building and substation building will be a G+9 storied facility consisting of 726 rooms with common washrooms and 200 rooms with attached washrooms.

"The hostel complex with GRIHA 5-star rating will provide all modern amenities," the official said. These include energy-efficient rooms, bicycle parking, outdoor lighting on renewable energy, solar water heater, intelligent lighting, smart heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system and water and waste management. Compliance to green building norms will begin right from site planning to building envelope design and use of sustainable material for its construction.

At present, the country's oldest IIM has 13 hostels — eight for MBA, MBA executive and Doctoral programmes and five family hostels with a capacity of around 1,200 people. Of these, most of the hostels are old and lack basic facilities like air-conditioning, which has become a necessity in Kolkata's summers when the temperature hovers around

ROOM FOR 1,000 STUDENTS



The existing hostel on the IIM-C campus

3.5 lakh sq ft | Area of the new hostel

1,000 | Students to be accommodated

726 | Rooms with common washrooms

200 | Rooms with attached washrooms

Facilities

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und 38°C-39°C. Also, the dimensions of the rooms are very small, making stay in summer even more stifling.

"There is an urgent need to upgrade the infrastructure so that IIM-Calcutta can retain its competitive edge on the national as well as global stage. Hence, infrastructure norms like carbon-zero, ability to efficiently support and use digital technologies are now essential requirements. In view of the above, the institute now needs to urgently build new/additional hostel and academic blocks to fulfil its vision and mission while simultaneously replacing the old hostels," the official said, adding that the up-

grade was also required to attract a significant number of international scholars to the campus.

IIM-Calcutta hostel manager Anil Srivastava acknowledged infrastructure at the other IIMs that have come up later were better than IIM-Calcutta and that the upgrade in the hostel infrastructure was long overdue. "IIM-Calcutta has a very beautiful campus with sprawling water bodies and lots of greenery. In terms of academic excellence, it is right there at the top. Once the hostels are upgraded, we will have infrastructure that can match any other institution," he said.