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New facility planned at IIT Kharagpur

Staff Reporter

Electronic material research lab to be set up there soon

- Student intake to be doubled by 2010
- Institute has obtained 25 patents and copyrights, including two U.S. patents

KHARAGPUR: A new research facility, to be called Arun Sarin Electronic Material Research Laboratory, is to be set up at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, for facilitating teaching and research in the Department of Metallurgical and Material Engineering.

This was announced by Arun Sarin, Chief Executive Officer, Vodafone Group Plc, U.K., who promised to contribute \$5,00,000 for the purpose. A sum of \$2,50,000 had been already donated, while the remaining amount would be given in phases.

Convocation

Mr. Sarin was speaking to presspersons on the sidelines of the 52nd Annual Convocation at the Indian Institute of Technology where he was the Chief Guest.

Prof. Shishir Kumar Dube, Director, IIT Kharagpur, said that the intake of students would be doubled by 2010. The academic year 2006-07 would see the institute increasing its intake by 34 per cent to meet this target.

Currently, the institute has about 5,600 students on its roll.

Two new campuses

Mr. Dube said that two new campuses of IIT Kharagpur would be set up in Kolkata and Bhubaneshwar. Recently, a 10-acre land had been acquired at Rajarhat, Kolkata, for the purpose.

The Director said that the institute had received sponsored and consultancy projects worth Rs. 52 crore from Government and private institutions. The institute also obtained 25 patents and copyrights, including two U.S. patents.

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