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IIM-N draws up Rs650cr plan for Mihan campus

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Nagpur: The Indian Institute of Management Nagpur (IIM-N), running from a temporary campus at Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT), has drawn up a Rs650 crore plan for constructing its much-delayed permanent facility in Mihan. The premier institute, working under the mentorship of prestigious IIM Ahmedabad, has set 2020 as its new deadline to move out from the VNIT. The transition will also see increase in intake from 120 now to 600. Though IIM-N officials didn't directly confirm introduction of new courses, they said shifting to new campus with greater infrastructure will bring in a lot of new activities and also increase the intake to 1,100. They claimed that the entire complex, with its administrative block and hostels, would follow all norms required for a green building.

Established in 2015, two batches of its flagship postgraduate programme in management (PGP) have passed out and the shift from VNIT to Mihan may not happen before another two batches. Earlier, it was expected to move out by December 2019.

As per VNIT officials, the ministry of human resource development (HRD) had instructed to part with its then newly-built residential building for teachers for IIM-N's makeshift campus for just two years. The delay by the ministry in clearing IIM-N proposal has badly affected VNIT's teachers, who are forced to live outside.

IIM-N director LS Murthy told TOI that the Mihan campus would be constructed in a phased manner. "The central government has sanctioned Rs379.68 crore last month for the first phase of the establishment process of permanent campus in Mihan. The development will take place in three phases for which the estimated cost is approximately Rs650 crore," he said.

The permanent campus will have construction on around 28 acre of the total 132 acre allotted to it in Mihan. The phase-I will cover approximately 14.8 acre (60,000/sq mtr). "We are in the process of appointing project management consultancy (PMC) along with a master architect. We are hoping that the entire land allotted would be meaningfully used," Murthy said.

The sprawling campus will house academic blocks consisting of classrooms, discussion spaces, faculty offices, administrative blocks consisting of various offices; residential blocks consisting of employee residences, hostels; recreation spaces consisting of the gym, open spaces, management development centre consisting of classrooms and residences etc.

"The detailed project report (DPR) has been submitted to HRD ministry and based on the projections, financial outlay will be allotted to IIM-N. Campus designer would soon be appointed. Subsequently, a contractor would be roped in," Murthy said.

Asked about the start date, the IIM-N director said, "We are hoping the project would commence this year. Project plans are yet to be drawn up. We are planning to shift to Mihan campus by 2020. This is a very aggressive plan and we hope we will be able to do it."

Talking about constitution of bodies, Murthy said board of governors and sub-committees of the board have been constituted. "With the guidance of eminent board members, IIM-N will fulfil its infrastructure needs," he added.