

IIT-Guwahati to double intake by 2012



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IIT-Guwahati which was set up in 1994 has decided to double the intake its capacity befitting the students community by 2012 and has submitted a proposal of Rs.300 crore to the government for creation of facilities to increase its students' strength to 4,000 from the current 2,100.

Director Gautam Bora asserted that there need to be a huge expansion of facilities like buildings, labs, hostels, equipments and other required amenities," The proposed increase in students' capacity would include the 54 per cent rise in seats aimed at implementing the 27 per cent OBC quota by 2010. He also informed that they have already approached union HRD Ministry for its approval

The IIT-Guwahati made this proposal in response to a call by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh last year to the IITs and IIMs, which are endowed with

land and have potential to expand, to explore the possibility of increasing students' capacity by three fold. After Prime Minister's appeal, the HRD ministry had written to IITs to submit proposals if they could expand the facilities and increase the students' strength. IIT Guwahati has about 700 acres of land of which 550 acres could be used for expansion. The institute is also aiming to achieve a three-fold increase in students intake capacity by 2017.



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