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IIT-Kgp plans global centre for collaborative academics

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Kharagpur: Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur proposes to raise in Kolkata an international centre where globally renowned institutions from West Bengal will come together to offer collaborative courses and short-term programmes.

On the 64th annual convocation of the country's oldest IIT on Friday, its director Partha Pratim Chakrabarti plans to urge chief minister Mamata Banerjee to give the go-ahead to set up the consortium centre where IIT-Kgp, Indian Statistical Institute, Indian Institute of Management-Calcutta, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Presidency University, Jadavpur University, Calcutta University and Visva-Bharati will collaborate.

"We already have land at our disposal which I shall request the CM to allot to us for the unique initiative that will be a first in Bengal. We hope it will be another feather in the cap of Biswa Bangla," Chakraborti said.

An official said: "Currently, IIT-Kgp along with ISI and IIM-C jointly runs Post Graduate Diploma in Business Analytics (PGDBA), which is a two-year full-time residential diploma programme conducted in collaboration. This will be the first year when students in the programme will receive diplomas in IIT-Kgp. The last batch had received diplomas from IIM-C and in 2019, graduating students will receive diplomas from ISI."

The IIT convocation will be graced by President Ram Nath Kovind as the chief guest while the CM and Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi will be the guests of honour. It will be attended by 2,616 students; as many as 295 doctoral and joint PhD degrees will be awarded.

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Chakraborti said IIT-Kgp had signed an MoU with AIIMS, New Delhi to develop next-generation joint academic programmes for both medical and engineering graduates, carry out collaborative research in cutting-edge domains around medical science and technology, develop technology-based outreach programmes for rural and under-served areas. "We will be able to set up the 400-bed hospital by next year," he added.

IIT-Kgp has received a special HRD ministry grant of Rs 151.9 crore for research.

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