

BITS to hike intake by 180

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Panaji: After Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) began expanding its infrastructure by injecting Rs 425 crore in its Goa campus itself, the first planned increase in intake at the BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus will be implemented in 2017. The intake will be upped by 180 this year.

“The intake of 180 will be distributed across the various courses equally,” officials said. Currently, the Goa campus of BITS Pilani offers 10 first degree programmes, five higher degree programmes and the PhD programme. With an annual intake of 660 students, the campus has a total strength of 2,800 students.

By 2020-21, the institute plans to take its annual intake to 900 in first degree programmes alone, 240 in higher degree programmes and 102 in the PhD programme. The total student strength of Goa campus will go up to 5,000 students by 2019.

The work of expansion of Goa and Hyderabad campuses of BITS Pilani is presently on and is being carried out in three phases starting from 2017 to 2019. The Goa campus will be added with 8.5 lakh sq ft of new construction, increasing the total built-up area to 21.5 lakh sq ft.