

parents, teachers and public minister added.

# State IIT turns self-sufficient

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**Jan. 4:** The IIT-Hyderabad, which depended on IIT-Madras for its faculty requirements, became self-sufficient in the second year of its operation. Recently, it has recruited 30 faculty members thereby becoming the first IIT to acquire full-fledged faculty among the newly established six IITs in 2008-09 academic year.

IIT-Hyderabad now has 44 full-time faculty members, apart from four faculty members from IIT-Madras. In addition, it has recruited another five 'visiting' faculty members:

IIT-Hyderabad, which began academic operations on August 20, 2008, by admitting 111 B.Tech students in computer science engineering, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering streams has now also launched M.Tech and Ph.D courses. It has admitted 35 M.Tech students and 15 Ph.D students this year.

This year, IIT-Hyderabad admitted 120 students in the second batch of B.Tech courses. "We received nearly 1,700 faculty applications

in 10 departments. We are aggressively recruiting faculty members. From the very first year, IIT-H has embarked on research and development and it has received two funded projects so far," said an official of the IIT-Hyderabad.

IIT-Hyderabad also has a joint collaboration with Japan. "A few students received international scholarships and some are interning in Japan. We will put more stress on research and development," he said.

IIT-Hyderabad, which has its temporary campus at the Ordnance Factory in Medak, will set up its permanent campus on about 525 acres at Kandi village in the same district in about two-years' time.

The total budget for the IIT-Hyderabad, with all facilities, faculty and infrastructure, is estimated at around Rs 1,200 crore which be spent in phases. The plan is to set up 10 departments in various subjects and about 5,000 students and 500 faculty members at all levels to maintain a 1:10 student-teacher ratio. It is also planning to launch MSc courses in pure sciences.