

IIM Nagpur plans innovation & research park on 60 acres

■ Land sought in Mihan for project: IIM-N director

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Aiming to become one of the top institutes of the country, Indian Institute of Management-Nagpur has taken up the ambitious project of setting up an innovation and research park in the city. This will be the first of its kind project in the country, said Dr Bhimaraya Metri, the institute's director.

"We are planning to build the country's biggest innovation and research park in Nagpur. The concept of a research park was brought in by IIT Chennai. We want to go one step ahead and add innovation to the set up," Metri told *Lokmat Times*.

The proposed park will be



Dr Bhimaraya Metri

part of the expansion of InFED (IIMN Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development). Metri informed that Suresh Rathi, president of Vidarbha Industries Association (VIA), is also helping with the project.

"On our behalf, Rathi wrote to the state government and also to Deepak Kapoor, vice-chairman &

Project details

- Proposed innovation & research park to come up on 50-60 acres in Mihan
- It will create an ecosystem where scholars, scientists, students and industry professionals work under one roof
- Will prepare companies as well as employees for the gig economy
- Aims to make talent available at different institutes such as National Law University, VNIT, IIIT and PDKV industry-ready.

managing director, Maharashtra Airport Development (MADC), about the requirement of 50-60 acres of land for the project," Metri added.

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It is learnt the MADC has sent positive feedback over the issue. The marketing agency of the MADC will evaluate IIM's proposal. Also, the IIM team will give a presentation to Kapoor during his visit to the institute scheduled on March 29.

IIMN through the innovation and research park aims to create a physical as well as cyber space for companies that are already operating from Mihan like Lupin, HCL Technology, Tech Mahindra, TCS. The park will also act as a magnet for attracting industries to Mihan as it will have modern research and development facilities, Metri said.

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"The future belongs to the gig economy. Permanent jobs are going to disappear, temporary jobs will increase, and one person will work for many companies. The park will create a cyber as well physical space for training the people for this scenario. Companies can set up their research and development centres at the park and our scholars and faculty members will be mentoring their employees as well as other young students here," Metri said.

If the proposed park gets the land then IIM-N is confident of setting up the park in the next four-five years. "We will begin with connecting all the industries existing in Mihan at present. InFED already has 16 MOUs with

different organisations. So we have done a lot of foundation work," he added.

Youth, girl end...

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During this time, police got information that seeing Akash hanging, a girl also committed suicide by hanging herself in her house. Due to this, all the people present there were shocked and all kinds of discussions started taking place. The case started being seen as a love affair. After this, the police did a panchnama of both the places and brought the bodies down and sent them to the primary health center in Saoner for post-mortem examination with the help of members of Hitjyoti Foundation. Later, the bodies were sent to Mayo Hospital.