

IIM Tiruchy plans to move Chennai campus to a permanent location

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INDIAN Institute of Management Tiruchy's new Director Pawan Kumar Singh has said they are planning to move their Chennai campus from Ekkattuthangal in the city to a permanent location. The current campus hosts an executive MBA programme for working professionals and classes are held during the weekend. Over 100 candidates are said to be taking the programme this year.

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On other plans for the institute, he said they are planning to make a foray into industrial consultation for both public and corporate establishments. "The grand old IIMs are comparatively less dependent on student fee and had a sizable income from such consulting. Tiruchy's IIM is over 11 years old and it is time we started look-

ing at the opportunity," Singh said.

When asked about plans for their primary MBA course, the two-year full-time postgraduate programme in management, Singh said they were planning to increase the intake by 100 or at least 50. There are currently 490 students (in the first and second year together).

Singh said they had to make infrastructure upgrade to increase intake. "For this, the institution is expecting seed money from the Central government. If required, the IIM is ready to take loan from Higher Education Financing Agency," Singh said.

Speaking about the current physical presence of students in the Tiruchy (main) campus, he said they are being allowed after an on-campus Covid-19 test, followed by a 14-day quarantine accompanied by regular visits and checkup by doctors and nurses from their clinic on campus. So far, around 150 students (of 490) had chosen to come to the institution to attend face-to-face classes and stay in the institution hostel.

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