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## Govt hands over 10 lakh sq mts land in Sattari for IIT Goa project

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Stating that the State government aims to make Goa an education hub, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Wednesday handed over documents of transfer of land measuring 10 lakh sq mts at Murmune-Melauli in Guleli-Sattari to the Director of IIT Goa, Prof B K Mishra at the Secretariat in Porvorim.

Thereafter, the Site Selection Committee of MHRD inspected the site and approved it. The Directorate of Technical Education had conducted all the codal formalities required to hand over the land.

The entire process was supervised by Dr Dipak Gaitonde, Nodal Officer of IIT Goa under the guidance of Director of Technical Education Vivek Kamat and Secretary Education Neela Mohanan.

"The government aims to make Goa an education hub. I am pleased that a search of land for this project came into reality during my term," said Sawant, while appreciating the residents of Murmune-Melaulim for their support.

The chief minister in-



Chief Minister Pramod Sawant hands over documents of transfer of land measuring 10 lakh sq. mts at Murmune-Melauli in Guleli-Sattari to the Director of IIT Goa, Prof. B K Mishra in the presence of Health Minister Vishwajit Rane and other officials at the Secretariat in Porvorim.

formed that the IIT Goa campus at Sattari will be ready within 2 years and that, the premier institute will be shifted from Farmagudi to the new campus.

Health Minister Vishwajit Rane, who was also present at the function, thanked the chief minister for extending all support to the IIT Goa.

Stating that the upcoming project will help transform the village and take IIT Goa on the map of the country, Rane also appreciated the Guleli Panchayat and residents of Murmune-Melaulim for their

support to the project.

In his address, Chief Secretary Parimal Rai said the IIT Goa will help Goan youth to avail of technological education and explore avenues of employment opportunities for a better future.

Director IIT Goa, Prof B K Mishra and Neela Mohanan also spoke on the occasion.

Guleli Sarpanch Apurva Chari, Deputy Sarpanch Nitesh Gawde and others were also present at the event.

Guleli Sarpanch Apurva Chari was confident that the IIT Goa project would

### IIT Goa in Sattari is my dream project: Rane

VALPOI: Stating that the IIT Goa, to be set up in Sattari taluka, has been his dream project, Health Minister Vishwajit Rane said the prestigious institution would put Goa on the educational map of the country. "Being one among top institutions in the country, the IIT Goa will raise the standard of education, nurture innovation and entrepreneurship. The IIT Goa will not only create a strategic bridge between various stakeholders, but strengthen the ecosystem of the neighbouring areas of Sattari and Usgao, synthesize the knowledge of our youth, and generate employment for our citizens," said Rane.

give special impetus to the development of Guleli Panchayat area.