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# Three new 'chair professorship' and one 'distinguished professorship' at IISER Pune

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PUNE: Veteran industrialist and Bajaj group chairman Rahul Bajaj recently announced support for three chair professorships and one distinguished professorship at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Pune. He was speaking at the opening ceremony of the newly constructed Hall of Residence at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune.

IISER, Pune Director Jayant Udgaonkar said in a written statement, "With this new hall of residence being ready, there is no shortage of accommodation for students on the campus."

Eminent scientist Raghunath Mashelkar, who was also a guest on the occasion, said that 'Bajaj Auto, by building a home away from home, has directly contributed to the cause of education for women.'

'IISER Tirupati director and founding director of IISER Pune K N Ganesh recollected the early meetings and discussions that built this association with Rahul Bajaj and with Baja Auto. The amount of 50 crores that Bajaj Auto had then pledged as an endowment to IISER Pune is the biggest CSR contribution from Bajaj Auto to a single recipient till date. Rahul Bajaj congratulated the management of IISER Pune and the CSR team of Bajaj Auto in realising this project. He added that while this

adds to the infrastructure of the institute, the overarching purpose is to contribute to the cause of science and to make India proud of its achievements,' said the official note.